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Queen Elizabeth To Pay Income Tax, **Breaking Tradition**

Promise in Parliament Seems Timed to Defuse Resentment

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service

LONDON — Breaking with le-

gal and royal tradition, Queen Flizabeth II intends voluntarily to pay tax on her private income and to absorb a larger share of the public cost of supporting members of her

ously estimated at \$1.5 billion to \$10 billion.

Officials at Buckingham Palace stressed Thursday night that the family, the government said Thurs-

In what appeared to be a welltimed public relations initiative to defuse festening resentment over royal wealth and life-style among Britain's recession-weary public, Prime Minister John Major revealed the queeo's proposals Thursday afternoon before the House of Commons.

But a spokesman at Buckingham Palace insisted that the queen's decision to pay income tax, as well as take over nearly \$1.3 million in public subsidies currently paid to members of her family, did not represent a sudden political ges-

Rather, the spokesman said, the proposals had been under discussion for several months, since the queen herself made them last summer in private talks with Mr. Ma-

Under British law, the sovereign, queen's intent. Ann Clwyd, a Lais exempt from paying taxes. But bor Party politician who had Buckingham Palace said that at pressed the monarch to contribute least two monarchs - Queen Victoria, during the 19th century, and King George VI, Queen Elizabeth's father — had voluntarily made tax payments to the national treasury

on their personal income. Mr. Major told Parliament that the amount of tax the queen would pay was still under consideration officials in the Treasury, the Royal Household and Island Revenue, the agency which collects in-come tax within Britsin. He said he expected the matter to be resolved by April, in time for the next tax her two younger sons, the Duke of

If the queen is taxed at the same sister, Princess Margaret.

In Monaco, a Dynasty

Not Quite Rock Solid

this tiny oasis of luxury on the Mediterranean coast.

Screne Highness, the patriarch of the Grimaldi clan.

ruler looked morose and distracted.

By William Drozdiak

MONACO - It was billed as the most festive week of the year for

A marching band festooned with feather hats led a royal parade

through the principality's winding streets. Mink-swathed tax exiles and native Monegasques wave from Rolls-Royces or hoisted glasses of champagne on sun-splashed terraces in honor of the monarch whose family has ruled "the Rock" for nearly 800 years: Prince Rainier III, also the mount of the Rock of the Rocket of the Rock of the Rother Bettrand, His

But the object of all this celebration among Monaco's 27,000 inhabitants did not seem to be having a good time. The 69-year-old

In the palace courtyard, he somberly doled out decorations to

members of his staff and security forces, then retreated to the privacy of his chambers. At a gala at Monte Carlo's opera house last week, he

turned and briskly fled his loge without acknowledging the applause

Business may be booming, but all is not well in this lilliputian

After imbuing Monaco with a glamorous aura derived from his

After imbuing Monaco with a giamorous sura derived from his photogenic family—the fairy-tale romance with the American actress Grace Kelly, her tragic death in a car accident, his travalls as a widower, the romantic escapades of his danghters—Prince Rainier secuns to be struggling in his 43d year on the throne as he tries to cope with a prolonged family crisis that could affect the future of one of Europe's oldest reigning dynastics.

The prince's sense of mortality, palace insiders say, was reinforced

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rate as other British citizens, she would presumably be liable to pay the top rate of income tax, or 40 percent, on a personal fortune vari-

Officials at Buckingham Palace stressed Thursday night that the queen's proposals also had the full pport of Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales and the heir to the

Questions about the wealth of the queen, who is celebrating the 40th anniversary of her reign this year and is reputedly among the world's richest women, had become sharply focused in recent days, fol-lowing a fire that gutted Windsor Castle,

Since the fire last week, a broad coalition of commoners, opposition politicians and others have come forward to argue that the queen ought to shoulder some share of the estimated \$90 million it will cost to restore the castle, rather than allow British taxpayers to absorb the whole cost, as the government now intends.

Both defenders of the monarchy and republican critics alike welcomed the announcement of the pressed the monarch to contribute toward the rebuilding of Windsor Castle, said the announcement proved that the monarchy could be influenced by public opinion. Sir John Wheeler, a Conservative

member of Parliament, described the queen's intention to pay taxes

as "a magnanimous gesture."

In addition to voluntarily paying income tax, the queen said she would also take over about \$1.3 million in costs currently paid from public funds for the support of five members of her family, including York and Prince Edward, and her



An election official in Dublin on Thursday, contemplating the task of counting the votes by hand.

Irish Vote Going Against Abortion

By James F. Clarity

New York Times Service
DUBLIN — Ireland has apparently voted against a constitutional amendment that would have established some grounds for legal abortion in this prelominantly Catholic country, according to early election results announced

The partial results indicated that although one abortion amendment had been defeated, two others had been approved, one guaranteeing the right to abortion information and another giving women the right to travel abroad for abortion, as about 4,000 Irish wom-

en now do each year.
Officials emphasized that the results were projections from a handful of dis-tricts in Dublin and elsewhere, but would probably stand up when all the

In the Wednesday balloting, the country also appeared to have rejected the appeal by outgoing Prime Minister Albert Reynolds for the 83 seats his Fianna Fail party needed to govern as a majority, without partners. As his party strength fell, that of the Labor Party of Dick Spring grew significantly and he was apparently in the kingmaker position for a coalition.

Labor, which had 16 seats in the old rliament, was expected to have 29 or 30 when the final count of paper ballots was completed. The Irish system of proportional representation can require a dozen counts of the vote to

termine the winner of a single seat. The counting was also slow because each of the three abortion amendments required a separate ballot, and all four voting papers were dumped in the same box for transfer to counting centers,

where they had to be separated again. The Labor Party surge, acknowledged by all parties, was largely due to the stagnant economy in a country with 20 percent unemployment, double the

Mr. Spring, 42, a former rugby star from Traice with 10 years as party leader, had joined as junior partner in government with the Fine Gael party from 1982 to 1987, serving as deputy prime minister. He has also transformed his party from classical socialism to acceptance of a mixed economy. He said Thursday that the results represented a "watershed in Irish politics."

Mr. Spring declined to say how be might use his new power in the coming haggling among the parties to confect a government by the official deadline of

De Klerk Proposes **Multiracial Election** To End White Rule

JOHANNESBURG - President Frederik W. de Klerk set forth Thursday for the first time a detailed timetable for the end of South Africa's white minority rule, proposing that elections for a nonracial interim government be

held by April 1994. "We cannot turn back, we cannot get bogged down," Mr. de Klerk said at a news conference on the eve of an expected flurry of talks among all political parties, which will bring to a close a fractious six-month stall in formal constitution-

But the most powerful of those parties, the African National Congress, on Thursday night rejected Mr. de Klerk's timetable as "totally unacceptable." Earlier this week, it called for an election for an interim government to be held within 9 to 12 months.

While the flare-up over dates is likely to generate some heat when Mr. de Klerk's ruling National Party and the ANC hold a weeklong bush summit" early ocat month, most outside observers saw the setting of a deadline - which Mr. de Klerk made clear was negotiable - as a positive signal that South Africa's major political players were finally ready to get down to

"They really aren't that far apart on dates, and that won't be the most difficult thing to work out," a Western diplomat said. "There are still some basic differences on what an interim government will look like, how long it will last, and what has to happen before we get to it." Mr. de Klerk laid out a timetable that called

 A series of bilateral discussions among major political parties between oow and Febru-

· A multiparty conference, probably even more inclusive than the 19-party Codesa forum that made progress on many constitutional is-sues before breaking down in May, to be convened by March and to complete its work by

 Multiparty transitional executive councils, which will control the state media, security apparatus and election cor

 A transitional constitution to be enacted by September.

 A democratic, nonracial election for a interim government and a constitution-writing constituent assembly to be held by March or

Ever since Mr. de Klerk lifted the ban on the ANC and began dismantling the structures of apartheid in 1990, it has been assumed that the first nonracial national election would be held before mid-1994. That is when the government's tenure expires under the present constitution. Mr. de Klerk has made it clear that be does not want to hold another whites-only

There has been, however, a growing urgen about the date ever since constitutional talks broke off six months ago. South Africa's economy has been sinking deeper in to its worst recession in 80 years, the political violence has been surging out of control, and the international community has made it clear that the country cannot expect significant foreign investment or assistance from lending institutions such as the World Bank until it has an interim government

Even though there have been no formal con-stitutional talks since the ANC pulled out of the Codesa forum, there has been an on-going, informal dialogue between the government and ANC representatives. It has produced a conver-gence on a number of key issues, and the prospect of continued deadlock on others.

In what was widely seen as a move toward moderation, the ANC adopted a resolution earlier this week that stated that, even if it were to win an nutright majority in the first election under a new constitution, it would consider-

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U.S. Offers Up to 30,000 Troops To Get Aid Past Somali Warlords

By Don Oberdorfer and Trevor Rowe

WASHINGTON - The United States, in an effort to help save the lives of hundreds of thousands of starving people in Somalia, has offered the United Nations up to 30,000 troops as part of a multinational force to protect relief supplies in there, administration officials said.

The surprise offer, which according to American sources was approved by President George Bush at a National Security Council meeting, was presented to the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, by the acting U.S. secretary of state, Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

Mr. Butros Ghali did not decide immediately whether to accept the offer, which was conditioned on other nations' also providing more troops as part of the operation, an official said. "It was a tentative discussion," the official

So far, the UN Security Council has anthorized a safeguarding force of up to 3,500 troops

in Somalia, though only 500 are there now. The White House said Thursday that it was gravely concerned that relief supplies should reach the starving people of Somalia, but declined to comment directly on reports that it was ready to provide troops, Reuters reported from Washington. CNN put the oumber of troops offered at 30,000,

[The White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said in a statement: "We are consulting with the United Nations about the best way to guarantee relief supplies from around the world. We want to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches these starving people as soon

as possible." Until now, the United Nations has delayed food deliveries in Somalia while trying to obtain the prior agreement of local anthorities —

usually warlords battling for control of a country that no longer has a formal government.

in a closed session on Wednesday night, however, the Security Council agreed to accept the conclusions of a report from Mr. Butros Ghali that described the UN policy as untenable in the face of the looting of food supplies

The council president, Andre Erdos of Hungary, said that the council was moving toward a landmark change of policy under which UN forces could be deployed in Somalia to protect relief convoys without the consent of Somali leaders, and could use force to ensure the delivery of food supplies.

He also indicated that the United Nations might take on the broader mandate of restoring "some kind of normalcy" to the country.

The mission of the U.S. and multinational troops would be limited to guarding the ports, roads and distribution points for relief supplies, according to official sources.

Once food, medicine and other supplies got to the Somali people, these forces would with-draw from Somali territory, leaving a much smaller UN force behind to make sure supplies kept flowing until the emergency was over.

troops, the United States is prepared to furnish a Marine force of about 2,000, deployed offshore to support land operations. [One U.S. official said the troops would "not

In addition to a division of U.S. ground

be shy about using their weapons" to ensure delivery of the relief supplies. The Associated Press reported from Washington.]

Mr. Butros Ghali said be could not conceal the fact that the situation "is not improving" and that it has become exceedingly difficult for

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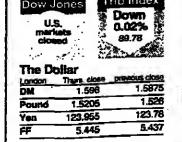
German Held In Bombing

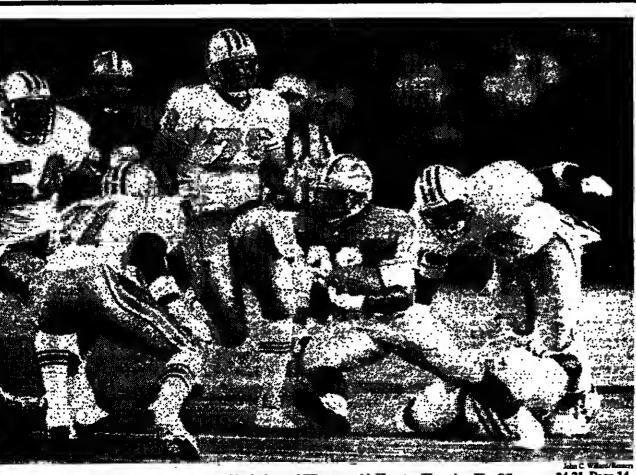
The police in Germany said Thursday that they had arrested a 25-year-old man in connection with the firebomb attack that killed three Turkish citizens.

The suspect, identified as Michael Peters, was said to be a follower of far-right ideologies who often used nec-Nazi language. (Page 2)

Air Collision in Ulster

BELFAST (Renters) — Two helicopters, both believed to be military, collided over Northern Ireland on Thursday, and the British Army said it believed that there were casualties. An army statement said that guerrillas were not thought to have played a part in the incident.





DOWNER -- Detroit's Burry Sanders, hemmed in during an NFL game with Houston Thursday. The Oilers won, 24-21. Page 14.

Fetal Cells Help Repair Brain

By Gina Kolata

New York Times Service NEW YORK -- For the first time, doctors have repaired brain damage in patients by implanting brain tissue from aborted fetuses. Experts say the findings offer the first unequivocal evidence that implanted fetal cells can make essential brain chemicals in place of brain cells that have died.

Although the technique has been tested in only a few patients, the experts said it could eventually lead to treatments for degenerative brain diseases, including Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease

and Huntington's disease. Until now, fetal cell implants have had modest effects at best,

and some experts questinned whether it was worth continuing the research. But the results reported Thursday, in two patients treated in Sweden and others treated in the United States, suggest that the method can fulfill the almost excessive promise it long has held.

The findings, reported in Thurs-

Journal of Medicine, involve patients with Parkinson's disease or a similar condition.

The Swedish study, by Dr. Hakan Widner of the University of Lund and his colleagues, involved two Americans, George Carillo, 52, and Juanita Lopez, 40. They became invalids in 1982, when tainted synthetic heroin damaged the areas in their brains that are also affected in Parkinson's disease, a movement

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In Italy, Withdrawal Pangs

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME — It is probably true that at nn time since tobacco was introduced to Europe in the mid-16th century has a small group of people forced an entire country to contemplate giving up smoking cigarettes.

But that is what has happened in Italy after three weeks of a strike by the workers who control distribution from the state tobacco monopoly. There are no cigarettes to be had anywhere except

The crisis was so severe that the authorities decided Wednesday to send in the Finance Guard, an armed customs and finance branch of the secu-

monopoly officials to end the stoppage on Friday so cigarette distribution can begin again. Part of the guard's usual job is to interdict cigarettes smuggled into the country to avoid the monopoly, not help in the distribution of legal ones produced by the monopoly.

[Workers at the state ubacco monopoly in Rome and Genoa suspended the strike on Thursday, Reuters reported. A union spokesman said the strikers made their decision after the government threatened to take over cigarette distribution.]

The strike by some of the 14,000 tobacco monopoly workers was ostensibly about their fear See ITALY, Page 4

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Behind Farm Crisis: French Fear the Loss of a 'Way of Life'

Behind France's threat to scuttle the European Community's agricultural agreement with the United States is the fear of loss of farm exports, but also -and perhaps more important - the loss of a "way

As the largest farm producer in the Community and world's second-largest agricultural exporter af-ter the United States, France will suffer proportionately more than its EC neighbors if the proposed GATT compromise succeeds in limiting subsidized

Even though most French people live and work in cities and towns, they remain close to the soil - or imagine they do. They carry an idealized picture of the rural life from which their parents and grandparents escaped. The farmers are popularly seen as keeping alive national and family values.

After an EC agreement this year that will limit the subsidies provided by the Common Agricultural Policy, the government lost any hope of attracting the farm vote in parliamentary elections next March. Nevertheless, it does not dare take the risk of bucking popular sentiment by sacrificing the farmers on the GATT altar.

The farmers represent only about 6 percent of the labor force, a sixteenfold drop in the past 40 years, but last year they produced 186 billion francs worth of exports. In 1950, each farmer produced enough food to feed seven people. Now he can feed more

"Europe and the United States share the identical

By Michael Dobbs

Washington Past Service
MOSCOW — The government
of President Boris N. Yeltsin said

Thursday that it would refuse to compromise with the conservative

opposition on major elements of its

free-market economic policies but

signaled that it was prepared for

The government strategy for pre-serving the essence of the economic

some tactical conces

Yeltsin Bars Any Compromise

session of the Congress of People's Deputies, at which government

policies are expected to come under

Over His Free Market Plans

strong attack.

German Suspect Is Held

In Firebombing Deaths

By Stephen Kinzer

New York Times Service BERLIN — The police said Thursday that they had arrested a 25-year-old man in connection with the firebomb attack that killed three Turkish citizens in the West German town of Mölln on Monday.

The suspect, identified as Michael Peters, is a resident of Gudow, a

town about 10 kilometers (6 miles) from Mölin. The police said they

arrested him on Wednesday night.

Reports on German radio said Mr. Peters was known in Gudow as a

follower of far-right ideologies who often used neo-Nazi phraseology. He

"We are investigating now whether members of this organization were

also responsible for the murders in Mölln on Nov. 23," Alexander von

assailants retreated after finding the hostel guarded, but buried fire-

Prosecutors said that in connection with those cases, Mr. Peters was

No other members of the organization have been arrested. The prosecutor's statement said that Mr. Peters led a gang of

Stabl, a federal prosecutor, said in a statement.

problem that in the past 25 years agricultural production has increased by leaps and bounds, with no corresponding increase in population," said Bruno Bonduelle, president of Bonduelle SA, one of France's biggest food processing companies. "Both America and Europe are capable of feeding at least

three times their present populations."

Former Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy noted that for the past 40 years the EC and France had been couraging farmers to be more productive.

"Now we are telling them to set aside land in a country where it has been a mark of civilization not to leave a single inch uncultivated," he said.

The reform agreed to earlier this year calls on French farmers to leave fallow or unproductive up to 15 percent of cultivated land. The proposed GATT ement could require a doubling of the set-aside land, according to some experts, because it would entail a 21-percent cut in subsidized exports.

incomes this year are down about 6 percent to 153,000 francs (about \$28,000), according to the National Institute of Statistics. Anger mounts as the income drops. Militant farmers, out of control of the unions, have dumped cow dung on town hall steps, stalled traffic with tractors, blocked streets with fiery barricades and have again threatened action against trucks bringing produce from other EC countries.

The demonstrations, violent and irrational, have a touch of the absurd - like farmers driving U.S.-built tractors to blockade a McDonald's restaurant that gets most of its produce from French suppliers. In

Far from reprimanding such behavior, Agricul-ture Minister Jean-Pierre Soisson has said only that he "understands" the farmers.

The existence of 36,000 small communes, as many as in the rest of the EC together, buttresses the formidable local opposition to further rural decline. And the fact that many deputies and senators also serve as mayors in rural areas gives the farmers a preponderance in Parliament out of all proportion with their numbers. Whatever happens in the GATT negotiations, the

number of people working the land in France seems almost certain to retreat much further. Michel Jacquot, a senior EC agricultural official, told the monthly Le Monde des Debats that France could get by with only 300,000 farmers. Some experts put the figure even lower than that. Mr. Jacquot's view counts, for he is the director of

the Enropean Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, which distributes the agricultural production subsidies that swallow up half the EC's budget, and which over the years have been instrumental in encouraging farmers to produce as much as the land

Mr. Jacquot pointed to a future in which a rela-tively small number of highly efficient farmers would produce the bulk of the nation's food. Some small farmers would continue to grow high-quality or specialized products. Some would be required to maintain the landscape. Some might find jobs in rural industries or leisure activities. Some would have to alternative jobs in the nearest town with

This trend has been emerging for many years. Farmers scratching a bare living from 20 or 30 hectares inhabit a different world from the grain barons in the Paris basin farming vast flat fields for the export market. Last year, French cereal growers produced 34.4 million tons of wheat. The United States, with a population more than four times greater produced 53.9 million tons.

In a recent book called "La fin des paysons," ("The Last of the Peasants"), Henri Mendras observed that while the farmers are popularly depicted as paragons of ecological virtue, it is they who have ripped up deerows, ancient stone walls and trees, over dened the ecosystem with fertilizers and turned huge tracts of land into prairies - always helped, of course, by EC subsidies.

Some ecologists see the present crisis as a way of cutting back on the intensive farming methods that have changed the appearance of the countryside, and of turning open fields into wooded land and recre-ational areas for city visitors.

Such a transformation entails a change of mental-

such a transformation entains a triangle of the anti-try in France, and perhaps also a greater degree of understanding by France's EC partners. French ag-ricultural production — now almost a quarter of the EC's total — and German industrial potential were the foundation on which the EC was built. If that equation now has to be changed. France may look to

partners for adequate compensation.
The farmers, meanwhile, say they are not interested in handonts. They say they were trained to produce, and that is what they want to go on doing.

WORLD BRIEFS

Altered Virus Is Said to Curb AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A harmless virus carrying an engineered genetic pattern is able in test tube experiments to keep the AIDS virus from reproducing inside its favorite blood-cell target, researchers report. In a study to be published Friday in the journal Science, researchers from Ohio State University and City of Hope National Medical Center in Dustre, California, said they had showed that AIDS resistance could be inserted into the blood cells using another type of virus that carries

The researchers said the work showed that the other virus, known as AAV, or adeno-associated virus, was an effective way to carry a new gene into blood cells. Work is under way now to test the technique in animals. No human trials will be planned until the animal experiments are completed, the researchers said.

China Aide Sees Russia 'Alliance'

MOSCOW (AFP) —Foreign Minister Qian Qichen raised the possibility Thursday that China and Russia would form an "alliance" to help ensure stability in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We would not exclude an alliance relationship" with Russia, Mr. Qian said at a news conference here, adding that such a relationship would "play a positive role in maintaining peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and worldwide.

 Capping a weeklong visit to Russia and three other former Soviet republics in Central Asia, Mr. Qian said there had been no discussion of Chinese arms purchases from Moscow. He and his Russian counterpart. Andrei V. Kozyrev, initialed an agreement on basic relations that is to be signed when President Bons N. Yeltsin visits Beijing in mid-December.

Ousted Georgian Leader Vows Fight

HELSINKI (AFP) — Georgia's deposed president, Zviad K. Gamsak-hmedia, vowed Thursday to continue fighting by political means against the government that succeeded him. Mr. Gamsakhurdia, who arrived in Finland unexpectedly late Wednesday evening from Istanbul, said he would not cooperate with Georgia's new head of state, the former Soviet foreign minister Eduard A. Shevard-

nadze, nor with his men. "I consider that I'm not able to cooperate with a terrorist and a criminal." Mr. Gamsakhurdia said. He said he wanted to "save his people." Mr. Gamsakhurdia, a dissident and a human rights advocate during the time of the former Soviet Union, was elected president of Georgia in May 1991 but was ousted in January by armed opposition forces who regarded him as a dictator.

Laos Names Ruling Party Chairman BANGKOK (Renters) — Prime Minister Khamtai Siphandoo of Laos

has been named head of the ruling Lao People's Revolutionary Party in place of the late President Kaysone Phomvihane, official Laotian media said, according to a Western diplomat on Thursday. Mr. Khamtai, the former defense minister who took over as poine

minister from Mr. Kaysone in August, was named party chairman at a Central Committee meeting of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party in Vientiane on Wednesday, said the diplomat, who was contacted by telephone in the Lactian capital.

The appointment followed the naming of Nouhak Phoumsavanh as

state president in place of Mr. Kaysone, who died Saturday. Both appointments were announced in official newspapers and on state radio, the diplomat said. The party chairmanship is the most influential political position in Laos, which has been a one-party state since the Com came to power in 1975.

UNITA Shuns Angola Parliament

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — The country's first freely elected."
parliament opened on Thursday, but the third of its deputies who

parlament opened on Thursday, but the introduct its deputies who represent the main opposition party, UNITA, failed to appear.

The ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which won 129 seats in the 220-member assembly, and other smaller parties went ahead without UNITA. The seats reserved for the 70 elected deputies from the former rebel movement, the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola stand empty.

Liberation of Angola, stayed empty.

Fernando van Dúnem, prime minister in the outgoing government, was elected president of the assembly. President José Eduardo dos Santos is expected to announce the formation of a new government in the next few

For the Record

A badly damaged flight recorder has been recovered from the wreckage in China of a Boeing 731, dimming hopes that it will indicate the reason. the plane crashed, news organizations reported Thursday. All 141 people aboard were killed Tuesday when the China Southern Antines jetimer his a mountainside near Guilm in the southern Guangxi Zhuang region.

TRAVEL UPDATE

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Paris Excluded From Transit Strikes

PARIS (Reuters) — Underground train drivers on the Paris Métro on Thursday canceled a call to resume their strikes.

Outside of Paris, however, unions say they will halt public transport Friday in dozens of French cities in a 24-hour strike on wage claims. The Paris Métro's four unions said they called off a rush-hour strike that had here scheduled for Friday in a dispute over housess. The stormer badly been scheduled for Friday in a dispute over bonuses. The stoppage badly disrupted Métro traffic in the morning and evening rosh hours last week. Union officials said their move to protest a new urban collective agreement would affect 52 provincial French cities. They said strikes would be held in Marseille, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Clement-

Ferrand, Grenoble and other major cities and towns. A four-day shouldown of the French Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe by banana growers ended Thursday when the protesters accepted France's pledge to maintain subsidies. Thousands of tourists stranded on the islands since Monday, when the planters blocked airports and highways, will begin leaving Saturday, airline officials said. (AP) Air travelers in Italy could face delays and cancellations on Friday,

when assistants to air traffic controllers go on a 7-hour strike. (Reuters) Brasia will withdraw subsidies and give airlines the right to act their own Another UN relief convoy, fares on most routes starting Jan. 1, with fares expected be up to six times which was trying to take food to the higher to meet fuel prices and increased salaries for employees, Itar-Tass besieged Bosnian town of Sreixenica, did not fare as well. For the Fewer than 59 percent of Spain's sublic-nector employees heeded a call

Fewer than 50 percent of Spain's public-acctor camployees heeded a call for a one-day strike on Thursday over pay, the government said. Another one-day strike has been called for Dec. 15. (Resers)

Egyptism authorities are resorting to harsher and more elaborate measures — including curiews, helicopter patrols and buildozing the homes of suspects — to combat Islamic fundamentalists who have vowed to keep up attacks on the country's vital tourism industry. (AFP)

International experts met in Morocco to discuss ways of financing a 7,400-kilometer (4,600-mile) highway across the top of Africa from Nouakchott in Mauritania to Tobruk in Libya. The Mosoccan public works minister, Mohammed Kabbaj, told the meeting in Fez that the project would cost \$15 billion and take 30 years. (Reuters)

Snowstorms Hit U.S.. Leading to 8 Deaths

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Linguing snowstorms in the Midwest and Great Plains on Thursday disrupted Thanksgiving Day plans for many U.S. travelers as snowfalls of up to 19 inches forced the authorities to close roads.

As of late Wednesday, anthorities reported at least eight deafts attributed to the weather—three in Texas, two each in Iowa and Kansas and one in Missouri. Most of the deaths came in traffic accidents.

The storm was moving into the Great Lakes region, bringing snow to Minneapolis on Thursday morning. A cold front ahead of the system made it a soggy Thanksgiving Day on the East Coast.

Texas National Guard troops collected more than 120 stranded motor-ists from highways on Wednesday and took them to motels and a Red Cross shelter to spend the night.

Guard members reportedly plowed through drifts as high as 6 feet (nearly 2 meters) to get people to shelter.

In Kansas, as much as 17 inches (more than 40 continueters) had fallen

in some areas by early Thursday. The storm produced 15 inches of snow at Dodge City, a record 24-hour snowfall for November, meteorologists said. National Guard troops patrolled parts of the state.

Air travel in the region also was affected, as flights were grounded in Wisconsin and other states. The Des Moines, low, airport was closed temporarily Wednesday afternoon when a cargo plane slid onto a runway extension area. There were no initiries or damages.

extension area. There were no injuries or damage.

Kay Moss, manager of the Flying J. Truck Stop just west of Des Moises, said truckers had been pulling off the roads and advising other drivers to do the same.

Even before the storm hit, residents began stocking their larders.

Retailers reported brisk sales of snow shovels, salt and snowblowers.

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

Already as a result of the changes, average farm

reply, McDonald's took out half-page ads in news-

program approved by the Interna-tional Monetary Fund was out-lined by acting Prime Minister Ye-gor T. Gaidar in an address to tary, which was created for Gen-nadi E. Burbulis, a trusted aide who is widely regarded as the ideologi-cal driving force behind Russia's parliament. It came five days be-fore the convening of the winter shift to capitalism. But the president immediately reappointed Mr. Burbulis to head a presidential advisory council, indicating that he was not willing to part company with his intellectual guru. Mr. Yeltsin has already begun to

reshuffle members of his team, ac-cepting the resignation of informa-tion minister Mikhail N. Poltoranin, a leading radical, and dismissing the head of Common-wealth television. But he squashed rumors that he would replace For-eign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev, one of the few remaining card-carrying liberals in the Russian government and a frequent target of conservative criticism.

There will be no change in the team or its policy," Mr. Kozyrev told reporters before a meeting with the Italian foreign minister.
"Someone wants really badly for this to happen. But it is not going to happen.

reportedly was unemployed.

According to information released by police investigators, Mr. Peters and 10 associates formed a secret "rightist terrorist organization" that sought to firebomb three hostels for foreigners in the weeks before Radical deputies quoted Mr. Yeltsin as telling them that he would make no further changes to the government before the Congress opens Monday. The working parliament, or Supreme Soviet, rejected a call Thursday night from hard-line deputies for an immediate vote of no-confidence in Mr.

assailants who tried to storm a hostel for asylum-seekers in the town of Pritzier, 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Gudow on Sept. 5. It said the In his remarks to parliament, Mr. Gaidar made some concessions to the centrist Civic Union, which assarants retreated after finding the hoster guarded, but numed the bombs at the police before driving away.

Prosecutors also silleged that Mr. Peters was involved in a Sept. 5 attack in which firebombs were thrown through the window of a hostel in Gudow, and a similar attack on a hostel in Kollow, another nearby town. holds the balance of power in the 1.048-member Congress between radicals loyal to the president and the "irreconcilable opposition" of hard-line Communists and bornbeing held for investigation on charges of murder, attempted aroon and disturbing the peace, hey did not say why they had not arrested him until after the firebombing in Mölln. again nationalists. But he said that there could be "no retreat from the strategic course of reforms motivated by short-term political inter-

> "We warned beforehand that we are not ready to combine incompatible approaches," he said.
> "There are a number of points which we are not prepared to dis-

The acting prime minister said there could be no return to direct state-controlled distribution of economic resources, as some members of Civic Union have proposed. and no freezing of prices and sala-ries. He also drew a line against any relaxation in monetary policy, which he said could lead to hyperinflation, and a big intervention to prop up the collapsing ruble on foreign exchange markets.

Mr. Gaidar did, however, signal that the government was prepared to consider Civic Union proposals for helping loss-making state com-panies make the transition to a free market, Economic experts from Civic Union and the government have reached preliminary agree-ment on a plan that will allow Russia to get through the winter without any significant rise in

It is still nuclear whether the ges-tures made by Mr. Yeltsin toward the opposition will buy enough votes at the Congress to avert a government crisis. Several deputies said that the concessions announced so far, and the limited restuffle of the government, did not appear to go far enough.

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Acting Prime Minister Yegor T. Gaidar making a speech Thursday in the Russian parliament as Speaker Rusian I. Khazbukatov looked over him. Mr. Gaidar said he would refuse to freeze prices.

Western Nations Refuse to Fly-Iranian Official to Sarajevo

By Blaine Harden Washington Past Service ZAGREB, Croatia — The for-

eign minister of Iran was denied permission on Thursday to fly aboard Western military aircraft taking humanitarian aid to the be-sieged Bosnian capital of Sanajevo. Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Ve-layati, reacting angrily Thursday night to the refusal, said he was probably kept off Western air-planes because "Iran is against the

intentional silence among Western countries toward massacres of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina." Mr. Velayati, who is demanding increased UN action to protect Bosnian Musims from Serbian ag-gression, had planned to meet Thursday in Sarajevo with Presi-dent Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Instead, Mr. Valayati managed only to speak with him by tele-phone. The foreign minister said he secured a promise from Mr. Izethegovic to attend a meeting next week in Jidda of the Islamic Conference, which is scheduled to discuss what Islamic countries should do to assist Bosnia-Herzegovina. Serbian forces have seized con-

trol of 70 percent of the republic, forcing more than 1.5 Muslims from their homes, and the Bosnian government says 130,000 people have been killed, most of them

The governments of Germany, France, Britain and Canada refused Mr. Velayati a seat aboard their relief flights, according to a UN official here who did not want to be identified. No official reason

The Iranian foreign minister chose not to ask for transport from the United States, which is also participating in the Sarajevo airlift, the UN official said.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, which coordinates the government nor other Islamic gov-Sarajevo airlift with equipment and eraments had any intention of Iranians a landing slot on Wednes-day during which they could have flown their own aircraft to Saraje-

But Mr. Valayati's plane arrived here too late from Tehran to take lated Muslim town of Gorazde,

advantage of the landing slot, and the high commissioner apparently did not offer the Iranian a second option.

Iran has refused to contribute any money to the massive multinational relief program that is flying and trucking about 900 tons a day of food and medicine to more than a million recipients across Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Velayati made it clear in a press conference on Thursday night that his government preferred to "to help Bosnia directly, with cal" and other supplies. He said that the UN High Commis-sioner for Refugees had been un-willing to belp Iran care for refugees in his country.

Iran is the only Islamic country that has been accused publicly by the U.S. government of trying to send weapous to Bosnia-Herrego-vins in violation of a UN embargo on arms shipments to republics of the forms Viscolaria the former Yugoslavia

The State Department leaked news in mid-September about the seizure in Zagreb of a planeload of Iranian weapons bound for Bosnia. Mr. Velayati reiterated Thursday night what has been an official Iranian position on the arms seized in Zagreb, namely that Tehran knows nothing about the incident.

Reliable government sources in Sarajevo said last week that Iran had been smoggling relatively small quantities of arms and ammunition into Bosnia-Herzegovina in recent months. The United Nations refuses to

lift the arms embargo despite re-peated pleading from the Bosman government. It argues that the embargo has had the perverse effect of rewarding the well-anned Serbian aggressors while penalizing the poorly armed Bosnian Army. Mr. Velayati said that neither his

funding from participating West-sending weapons to Bosma-Hezz-ern governments, had offered the govina "outside of international transens a landing slot on Wednes-law." In other developments inside Bosnis-Herzegovina on Thursday, a UN convoy carrying 80 tons of food and medicine reached the iso-

Fined for Poor Maintenance New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Delta Air Lines has been fined \$2 million by the Federal Aviation Administration for failing to follow proper maintenance procedures.

The infractions were unusually serious, said Anthony J.

Broderick, the agency's associate administrator for certification and compliance. But he said that the shortcomings had mostly been corrected, and that none had led to accidents.

A Delts spokesman, Neil Monroe, said: "We have taken some very aggressive steps to deal with the problems, and we are confident that we have the problems resolved."

lowed a Boeing 737 to fly from Pittsburgh to Atlanta with the captain's speedameter not

in desperate need. The convoy stopped on Wednes-day about 8 kilometers (5 miles) outside of Gorazde after a UN armored vehicle was damaged by a land mine.

second time in as many days, Serbi-an militiamen refused to let the convoy pass, despite earlier guar-antees from scalor Bosnian Serbian Thursday afternoon, however, the chief commander of the Bosni-

an Serbian Anny promised the UN Protection Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina that the convoy would be allowed through on Friday.

Delta Air Lines

Although some of the problems involved inadequate record-keeping, others were mechanical. For example, in July, Delta was found to have al-

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* POLITICAL NOTES*

For Clinton, a 'Turkey Trot' on Turkey Day

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - President-elect Bill Clinton was putting politics on the back burner Thursday to watch what comes ont of the oven.

A "traditional family dinner" was planned at the Arkansas gover-

A "traditional family dinner" was planned at the Arkansas governor's mansion, a spokesman said Wednesday. Among family members expected to attend: Mr. Clinton's wife, Hillary, and daughter,
Chelsea; his mother, Virginia Kelley; stepfather, Dick Kelley, and
his wife's parents, Hugh and Dorothy Rodham.

Mr. Clinton started his day by running in Little Rock's annual
"Turkey Trot" 5-kilometer run along the Arkansas River. Organizers
said Mr. Clinton has run in the past six Thanksgiving Day races. He
paid his \$15 entry fee and took his place at the starting line with
about 300 other runners who came out in the brisk weather.

(AP)

Transition Progresses to its Next Phase

WASHINGTON — With the presidential race now three weeks past, the first phase of Mr. Clinton's transition has ended and the second phase — the actual construction of a new government — is

For Clinton aides here and in Little Rock, the main preoccupation for the last three weeks has been putting the machinery of the transition into place — setting up the elaborate network of committees, advisory panels and working groups that are designed to funnel recommendations and policy options to Mr. Clinton and his top

Now, with the final announcements of who will head the various "cluster groups" that will audit federal agencies for Mr. Clinton and his aides, that machinery is in place. After a brief pause for the Thanksgiving holiday, which probably will be the last break most senior Clinton aides get before the inauguration, the transition teams are expected to begin producing reports and recommendations.

The role of the cluster groups amounced Wednesday will be to andit each agency in the vast federal bureancracy. "They're fact finders," said a Cinton aide involved in the process. "It's a bureancratic task rather than a policy-making task."

The job is to "find the land mines," he added.

Ethics: Women's Groups Keep Pressure On

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate ethics committee has had no female members. It has been criticized for interminable investigations. And it failed to pursue recent allegations of sexual misconduct by a senator.

But women's groups are insisting that the panel investigate sexual harassment allegations against Senators Bob Packwood of Oregon and Daniel Inouye of Hawaii — and they promise to exert intense pressure to make sure it happens.

The six-member panel, formally the Senate Select Committee on Ethics, will have openings. It is losing its chairman, Terry Sanford, Democrat of North Carolina, who was defeated, and Vice Chairman Warren B. Rudman, Republican of New Hampshire, who did not

"If they wind up without a woman again we'll make an issue of it," said Betty Roberts, a former Oregon Supreme Court justice and former state legislator who signed a letter demanding a "thorough and prompt" ethics investigation of Mr. Packwood. "It would be politically crazy not to appoint a woman due to this pending

investigation," she said. The Washington Post has reported that numerous women have accused Mr. Packwood and Mr. Inouve of making uninvited sexual advances during their long Senate careers. Mr. Packwood has said he is sorry if he acted improperly, and Mr. Inouve denies the accusa-

Clinton to Keep Sports Ideas to Himself

NEW YORK — President-elect Clinton likes watching sports because they give him one area where he can enjoy being analytical and not worry about answering to anybody.

But don't expect him to voice his opinion of coaches or try to

influence them in any way.

Reminded in an interview that President Richard Nixon once sent a play to George Allen, the Washington Rodskins coach, Mr. Clinton said up one should expect that of him.

"Everybody likes to second-guess the president, so it's really fun to sit there and call plays, because a football coach or a basketball

Mr. Clinton said.

Quote-Unquote

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A senior adviser to Mr. Clinton, describing recent activity in the

transition process: "If you wanted to accurately describe what we've been doing you'd write, 'Bill Clinton and his aides spent the last few days sitting and thinking about what the government should look like.'" (LAT)

Away From Politics

Brief Vacation Gives Clinton a Chance to Ponder Personnel

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - Presidentelect Bill Clinton took a break from transition activities for some family activities Thursday, and prepared for a brief California vacation to ponder personnel choices

for his new administration.

After a Thanksgiving Day dinner in the Arkansas capital, Mr. Clinton and his family were to leave Friday for a four-day vacation at the home of friends in Southern The president-elect had been immersed

in interviews with prospective cabinet members Tuesday and Wednesday, and longtime associates said it would be typical nia, who is considered a candidate for sions could come relatively soon after Mr. of him to pull in lots of information and

zona and Representative William B. Rich-fice of Management and Budget job.

visits inlinwed meetings with Senator a decision on "a few" cabinet appointees, Lloyd Bentsen, Democrat of Texas; Sena- and campaign officials have said that his tor Timothy E. Wirth, Democrat of Colo- first appointees were likely to be members rado, and Robert E. Rubin, an investment of his economic tearn. He has also said that

to be under consideration for Treasury iton.

"He's always said that he wants to come "He's always said that he wants to come "First and I Mr. Bentsen and Mr. Rubin are believed the economic hierarchy of his administra-Mr. Babbitt are thought to be contenders out with his economic team first and I to head the departments of energy or inte-think that still holds," said George Ste-

Mr. Clinton had also met with Representative Leon E. Panetta, Democrat of Califor- the transition effort said that final decidirector of the Office of Management and Clinton returns from California. interview candidates, then go away for the Budget. Last weekend, sources said, Mr. The transition team has "spent a huge weekend to consider his choices.

Clinton met with Alice M. Rivlin, a former amount of time going through lists of peo-On Wednesday, Mr. Clinton met with Congressional Budget Office director, who ple, talking and looking at resumes," said a former Governor Bruce E. Babbitt of Ari- also is considered a contender for the Of- ranking transition official. "But time is

ardson, Democrat of New Mexico. The Mr. Clinton has said that he was close to he sees the Energy Department as part of

phanopoulos, a spokesman for the transi-Sources within the transition said that tion

With the increase in activity, a source in

really crunching down on us."

would be announced a few days after the Stephanopoulos said that process was taking longer than expected because the president-elect has been spending most of his time on cabinet appointments. Mr. Ste-phanopoulos said the staff hoped to have the guidelines in place before the end of the

his aides have remained tight-lipped about personnel decisions, which are being managed by Warren M. Christopher, the transi-

Mr. Stephanopoulos said Mr. Clinton wanted to discuss the economy and other least an additional 10 pounds (4 kiloissues with Bentsen and he wasn't able to see him last week when he was in D.C."

Although Mr. Clinton had said ethics "With Wirth, he's helped a lot on the guidelines for his new administration campaign and I think he wants to cover a would be announced a few days after the lot of issues that are in the senator's area of transition guidelines were in place, Mr. expertise," Mr. Stephanopoulos said. "And I would say the same for Governor Babbitt and Congressman Richardson."

Mr. Bentsen, who met last week with Mr. Christopher in Washington, has been at the top of the list of speculation about the Treasury post. He has indicated he would be happy to remain as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, where be has power and independence, but would conrecognizable politicians, Mr. Clinton and sider an offer from the president-elect.

Mr. Clinton also had a physical examination Wednesday that was described as routine. After the exam, Mr. Clinton said he had made progress losing weight since the election, adding that he seeks to lose at



Mr. and Mrs. Bush arriving in New Hampshire, for Thanksgiving in nearby Kennebunkport, Maine.

U.S. Opens Criminal Inquiry Into Search for Passport Files

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has opened a preliminary criminal investigation into the pre-election search by State De-partment officials of Bill Clinton's passport files, according to a Jus-tice Department official.

The inquiry will center on whether provisions of the Privacy Act were violated. Under that law, the State Department is prohibited from disclosing information from passport records and other consular files without the prior written consent of the individual involved. A State Department official said, "We are aware of the Justice Department investigation and are co-

Sherman M. Funk, the State Department's inspector-general, released the results last week of his monthlong investigation into the search of Mr. Cinton's passport file and the department's consular records. Mr. Funk concluded that the two-day search, on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, had been directed by Steven K. Berry, then acting assistant sec-

the two political appointees had undertaken the searches to gather information that could be helpful for the re-election of President George Bush. He also disclosed that the White House chief of staff, James A. Baker 3d, and at least one top aide, Janet Mullins, were kept aware of the effort, though there was no evidence uncovered that they had "orchestrated" the search-

Mr. Funk, after consultation with acting Secretary of State Law-rence S. Eagleburger, has continued his investigation into the matter, a State Department spokesman said Wednesday.

Ms. Tamposi was dismissed has been permitted to remain em-ployed at the State Department un-violation of the Privacy Act. til the Jan. 20 change of adminis-

At the time the inspector-general's report was released. Mr. Eagleretary of state for congressional af-fairs, and Elizabeth M. Tamposi, had not found that any criminal

then assistant secretary of state for law had been violated. But Mr. Funk's report, which has drawn Mr. Funk said in his report that criticism from Democrats on Capitol Hill for not being thorough, did suggest a number of areas where possible Privacy Act violations

could have occurred.

For example, according to the report, Ms. Tamposi had Mr. Clinton's four passport applications delivered to her Virginia town house late on the evening of Sept. 30 After reviewing them, she called Mr. Berry and one of her assistants;

Michael Brennan. Mr. Berry said Ms. Tamposi of-fered to describe the contents of the documents to him, a statement Ms. Tamposi denied making. Their conversation is believed to be one of four that were monitored by the Operations Center of the State Defrom the State Department on partment. Describing the contents Nov. 10, and Mr. Berry was re- of a passport application to somemoved from his job last week hut one who has no governmental need

On Oct. 1, a Tamposi assistant and longtime career State Department employee, Carmen A. DiPla-cido, took the Clinton file home with him for safe keeping but with-out Ms. Tamposi's knowledge, according to the report. Mr. DiPlacido maintained, according to the inspector-general's report, that only his wife and daughter were home that night. Mr. DiPlacido was recommended for disciplinary action for his part in the affair.

Republicans See Rebuke To Clinton in Georgia Vote

New York Times Service cans, hungry for some good news
ATLANTA — Republicans after the defeat of President

President-elect Bill Clinton, who over. and an admonition to the president-elect to temper some of his plans.

But Democrats scoffed at reading such sweeping conclusions into the narrow victory by Mr. Cover-dell a former Peace Corps director in the Bush administration. They suggested that the Republi-

They evaluated the results of ex- tals that were "clearly superior to

periments flown on the space shut-tle and their own two experiments and in which the improvement

flown recently on the Russian could be attributed only to micro-

gravity."

fiailed the victory of Paul D, Coverdell over Senator Wyche Fowler Jr. straws, trying to build some rightin a runoff election as a rebuke to

rumoff on Tuesday, Mr. Coverdell put himself in the middle of the Republican checrleaders and the Democratic spoffers. At a news conference where be

was asked how the runoff compared with the Nov. 3 results, in which Mr. Clinton defeated Mr. Bush by about 5,000 votes out of slightly more than 2 million cast in Georgia, he said that one was the "natural extension" of the other. "The voters were driven by a

need for change," said Mr. Cover-dell of his 51 percent to 49 percent victory. Mr. Fowler had a 48 percent to 47 percent lead in the Nov. 3 ballot. "That was part of President Bush's problem here three weeks ago and that was part of Senator Fowler's problem as well."



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Space Lab's Reason for Being Takes a Hit

 Wild turkeys are back to stay in New England after having disappeared for more than a century, wildlife experts say. In western Massachusetts, the introduction of 37 wild turkeys in 1972 has produced a population of 8,000 to 10,000, a state biologist said. A man infected with the virus that causes AIDS has been convicted. in Portland, Oregon, of attempted murder for having had unprotected sex with a 17-year-old girl. Alberto González, 28, also was found guilty of attempted assault, delivery of marijuana and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

 The operator of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline will pay Alaska and the federal government \$32 million to settle lawsuits over its failure to respond quickly to the Exxon Valdez spill, officials said. Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., a consortium of companies formed to run the pipeline and terminal at Valdez, was in charge of the initial cleanup in the disastrous 1989 spill in Prince William Sound.

 A U.S. aircraft carrier fired missiles at a Turkish ship, killing five people, because sailors mistook a drill for a real attack, a Norfolk, Virginia newspaper reported investigators as finding. The carrier Saratoga fired two missiles at a Turkish destroyer during a NATO exercise Oct. I in the Aegean Sea. Investigators determined that sailors awakened for a midnight drill thought the carrier was under

 Slightly used nuclear fuel from the defunct Shoreham nuclear power plant on Long Island, New York, will be shipped to France for reprocessing under a plan announced by the state agency charged with demolishing the plant. Scheduled to begin next year, the shipments have prompted fears that the precedent could eventually contribute to the spread of plutonium.

 The troubled Les Angeles school system averted insolvency when a state judge threw the issue of pay cuts for teachers into arbitration, but now the schools face the strong possibility of a teachers' strike.

 President George Bush declared 18 Mississippi counties a disaster area following a string of tornadoes. The move clears the way for temporary housing grants and low-cost loans.

By John Noble Wilford

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Ten years of experiments in growing larger, purer protein crystals in the low-gravi-

ty environment of space have pro-duced disappointing results and have yet to fulfill earlier, often extravagant expectations or justify the high costs of space missions, a team of scientists has concluded. The scientists, writing in the journal Nature, said the experiments showed that in many cases

the virtual absence of gravity can affect the growth of biological crys-tals, sometimes altering their size, quality and structure.

But they said the tests had "not wet accomplished any significant yet accomplished any significant breakthrough in protein-crystal growth" and so far had failed to emonstrate that this was "a wise way to spend ever more scarce gov-

ernment research dollars." Their blunt assessment dealt a blow to some of the scientific arguments in support of a program of the National Aeronantics and Space Administration to build and orbit the \$32 billion space station Freedom, scheduled for full operation in 2000. Crystal-growing research and production were often among the bright prospects used to justify the station's costs. Space agency officials and scien-

tists who have flown experiments on the space shuttles disputed the assertions. Although there have been no major discoveries, they say, the research has led to important insights into the structure of

The scientists raising the criticism are Dr. Barry L. Stoddard of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle; Dr. Ro-land K. Strong, a biologist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California; Dr. Anthony Arrott, president of Payload Systems, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Dr. Gregory K. Farber, a biochemist at Pennsylva-

Their analysis of the shuttle re-search showed that 20 percent of the protein crystals grown were an improvement on their Earth-grown counterparts. In the remaining cases, no crystals were produced at all or they showed no improve-

space station Mir.

As for their research on Mir, the scientists said that 24 percent of their experiments produced crys-

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By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service

increased number of heavily armed rehicles — including a tank driven

by fighters of one of Somalia's war-

ring clan leaders — suddenly ap-

peared in the capital on Thursday

as tension mounted over reports of

United States forces' joining Unit-

.The U.S. offer was made by Pres-

ident George Bush on Wednesday

and presented by Secretary of State

Lawrence S. Eagleburger to Butros Butros Ghali, secretary-general of the United Nations. Their meeting

took place as clan fighters and gun-men stepped up attacks on relief

agencies struggling to feed nearly 2

The United States would most

likely use air force planes to trans-

port troops from other countries to

Somalia and deploy a unit of 2,000

Marines aboard a navy vessel off

the Somali coast, a senior adminis-tration official said Thursday.

The rise in violence here, includ-

ing the shelling Tuesday of a Unit-ed Nations ship carrying 10,000 tons of wheat as it tried to enter the

Mogadishu port, has resulted in a rapid depletion of food stocks

(Continued from page 1)

the UN operation to achieve its

objectives. He told the council that

70 percent to 80 percent of all the

nanitarian aid was being looted.

In the meantime, the cycle of

extortion and blackmail," he said,

must be broken and security con-

ditions established that will permit

The U.S. offer to send troops to

Somalia — and empower them to use force to deliver aid — could

prompt the country's rogue gun-men to turn on foreign aid workers,

sharing power with losing parties, at least for a transitional period.

The government favors power-

apartheid political system, but would prefer them to be perma-

In its own move toward compro-

mise, the government has agreed

that a permanent constitution can

only be written by an elected con-

stituent assembly, a step it initially

resisted because such a forum is

nent, not merely transitional.

ELECTION: Multiracial Plan

likely to be dominated by the ANC able to reach agreement.

the distribution of relief supplies."

■ Fear of Retaliation

ed Nations troops here.

million starving Somalis.

MOGADISHU, Somalia -- An

New Show of Firepower

In Streets of Mogadishu

and southern Somalia, aid officials

The International Committee of

the Red Cross said Thursday that it

had cut rations to one-quarter at its

300 kitchens in Mogadishu on Tuesday, serving only 523 calories' worth of rice, oil and beans.

Even at the slashed quantity of

rations, the Red Cross said it had only three days' worth of food left in its Mogadishu warehouses. As

the supplies dwindle, two ships,

carrying 3,500 tons of rice each, waited offshore Thursday as they

have for days, for the port to open.

The United Nations ship was diverted to the Kenyan port of Mon-

A senior U.S. official said that as

international food deliveries by

plane and ship were stepped up in the last month, increased amounts

of food had been looted. The offi-

cial, Andrew Natsios, a coordina-

tor for the United States Agency

for International Development

who has been directing the United States relief program in Somalia, said that 80 percent of the donated

relief food was "being looted or

He said it was time to get tough with the Somali warlords, adding

that the looting had doubled since

in a country that is 85 percent non-

But the two major sides still dis-

used as protection money.

UN relief official.

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CELLS: Fetal Tissue for Brain tients he reported on Thursday, he (Continued from page 1) said.
But he warned that much work disorder caused by the death of remains to be done before fetal cell brain cells.

Now, the researchers reported, implants can move beyond experiment and become therapy. For example, he said, "we need to boost the patients can live independently and move almost normally; Mr. Carillo even rode a bicycle. Brain the survival rate of transplanted scans showed that the fetal cells were producing chemicals that the patients' brains had lacked, the re-To obtain enough tissue, he said, miltiple abortions must be schedsearchers said. uled for within hours of the fivehour fetal implant operation. The scientists need tissue from multiple

Although the number of patients was small, the improvements were consistent with what had occurred in animal studies and were so marked that experts felt they could not have occurred by chance.

The U.S. research groups, led by Dr. D. Eugene Redmond Jr. of Yale University and Dr. Curt R. Freed of the University of Colora-do, implanted fetal tissue into 10 patients with Parkinson's disease. They reported small, but defi-nite, effects. Patients did better in

tests touching their thumb to their forefinger and tapping their feet, for example. They were less likely to freeze and had smoother move-

ments in general.

But the methods used by Dr. Redmond and Dr. Freed differed from those of Dr. Widner. With one exception, the U.S. researchers used just one fetus per patient, for example, whereas Dr. Widner and his colleagues used as many as sev-en. Dr. Widner also implanted the tissue into a larger area of the brain. Experts said these methodological changes could account for

The American results are promising, experts said, but they were

ish results. and a leader in fetal tissue work.
"The results are terrific. It's an or-

leagues had recently used their method with two patients who have Parkinson's disease. "The effects brain that sle are about as large" as in the pa-

the differences in results.

even more heartened by the Swed-"It's spectacular," said Dr. C. Warren Olanow, a neurologist at the University of South Florida

der-of-magnitude greater improve-ment than anything we've seen." Dr. Widner said he and his col-

The story behind the operations on Mr. Carillo and Ms. Lopez began in 1982, when the two injected themselves with a synthetic heroin made by an underground chemist in San Jose, California. They woke up the next morning frozen in place, unable to move or talk. Dr. J. William Langston, director of the California Parkinson's

fetuses because only 10 percent of

Dr. Widner said his group and

others have focused on fetal cell

implants because fetal brain cells

can survive for as long as a week in the laboratory, whereas adult brain cells die within 10 minutes. This

abrupt death of adult cells makes it

impractical to think of using, say, brain cells from adult organ donors

for implant operations, Dr. Widner

In an article in the New England

Journal of Medicine, an expert dis-

missed the claim that enough useful tissue could be obtained from mis-

carriages or ectopic pregnancies, a

the implanted fetal cells survive.

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Foundation in San Jose, ended up caring for Mr. Carillo and Ms. Lo-pez and several others who had taken the tainted heroin.

Dr. Langston eventually discovered that a previously unknown poison, called MPTP, in the synthetic heroin had destroyed the substantia nigra of the patients' ment. This is exactly the part of the brain that slowly dies in Parkin-

MONACO: Business Boom No Cure for the Ills of a Lilliputian Paradise nier's condition of converting from Judaism to Catholicism. Europe confronts a tense and un-predictable era (Continued from page 1) brought an infusion of trans-Atlantic glamour, as well as American With Prince Rainier showing the

LISTED AS LISTING — A Brazilian freighter in the French port of Dunkirk showing the effects of a storm-lashing.

TROOPS: U.S. Offer on Somalia in September on the 10th anniversary of the death of his wife. The Associated Press reported Thursday from Nairobi, quoting a "He still loves her enormously," a palace official said, "and time has Paul Mitchell of the UN World not made it any easier for him." But part of that lingering sadness. Food Program said he would welcome any measure that would proofficials say, is linked to mounting

vide greater security, but would not anxiety that the consequences o specifically endorse the troop offer. his family's behavior may be escap-ing Prince Rainier's control. "We're quite concerned that gunmen might retaliate against re-lief workers in the country," he Prince Albert, 34, the heir, seems to evince little interest in marriage. a fact that troubles many Moné-"It's not our role to say what's needed," he said. "But what is critigasques, whose livelihoods depend on the perpetuation of the dynasty. cal is security - protection for con-He is considered a dutiful son but voys, protection for boats and proshows little aptitude for business and none of Prince Rainier's flair

in promoting the virtues of the Princess Caroline, 35, the elder daughter, seems exasperated by her official duties as the leading lady in what the anthor Somerset Maugham called "a sunny place for

marrying the French actor Vincent

agree on how much that constitu-tion-writing body will be bound by Caroline has been slow to emerge from mourning the death of her husband, Stefano Casiraghi, in constitutional principles, on such delicate issues as federalism and a speedboat accident two years ago. regionalism, established during preliminary negotiations.

They also differ over the size of She has been spending most of her time in the southern French village the supermajority needed to adopt of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where a new constitution, and over the she believes that her three children nature of deadlock-breaking mechcan get a more normal upbringing. anisms to be put in effect should She is said to be on the verge of the constitution-writing body be

Princess Stephanie, 27, shows signs of settling down — though not in the way her father intended. She has abandoned a brief singing career and is about to give birth out of wedlock to a child fathered by her former bodyguard, Daniel Du-

"In Monaco, the royal family means everything," says Nadia La-coste, a close friend of Prince Rainier's who for many years served as the palace spokeswoman. "This place takes its identity from them, and we all adapt as they evolve."

In the past, every emotional twist in the family's destiny, captured under exclusive contract in the pages of the magazine Paris Match embellished Monaco's image and

"A tear, a dollar; a smile, a dollar," was how another French newsweekly summed up the Grimaldi publicity machine. While the Windsors of Britain and other European monarchies have always abhorred news reports about their bad marriages, lavish lifestyles and scornful attitudes toward the working class, the Grimaldis have thrived on scandal.

Prince Rainier's decision in 1956 to marry Grace Kelly transformed Monaco's fortunes. Despite the motual animosity of their families Lindon if he will fulfill Prince Rai- the marriage blossomed and

clients, to the principality. Wealthy foreigners are still drawn by the absence of personal income tax, the warm weather and secure surroundings. Prince Rainier has diversified the economy in recent years, and tourists, business conventions, banks and real estate concerns now bring in much more

But Monaco faces stiff chal-

and uninspired as custodians of the Rock's future, some observers are predicting that the dynasty might succumb to a round of political turnoil in Europe and reach the end of the line when Prince Rainier

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his offspring looking so untested

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ITALY: A Country Forced to Consider Giving Up the Cigarette Habit

(Continued from page 1)

that when the authorities carry out their threat to sell stakes in the government-owned enterprise to private buyers, they will lose their jobs

tighter accounting procedures. That is a worry that touches on the Italian social compact that has grown up over the last four decades — that whatever else, a job in the state sector is not only safe but a hallowed right.

And, in a sense, that represents one more fundamental shift in the way Italians are being forced to see their relationship with the state. After years of running to its own rhythms, it is no longer willing or able to cosset them as the country faces the uncertainties of European

In June, Prime Minister Giuliano Amato negotiated a deal with the unions to suspend

one of the most sacred institutions of international labor relations - the scala mobile, the sliding scale that automatically links pay raises to inflation rates. The agreement undercut the cozy assurance of workers that material com-

fort need not depend on their productivity. More recently, moreover, Mr. Amato's four-party coalition has forced Parliament to ap-prove austerity measures that undercut Italy's post-World War II welfare state, whose provisions for free health care and generous pensions sheltered Italians from the economic reality

that the country could not afford them. Now, Mr. Amato has announced plans to privatize some of the state holdings, which have run up huge debts as they controlled about 40 percent of the economy. In virtually every sector of state management, from the railroads and

the state airline to banks and restaurants, the.

most likely target of tighter management would be the high labor costs accruing from the use of public sector jobs for political patronage.

The biggest state holding company, the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction, a monolith

dating to the Fascist era, employs 420,000 people—almost twice the labor force of 217,000 at Fiat, the country's largest private conglomerate. Its debt is \$50 billion.

The government's plan is to seek to raise \$20 billion over the next three years to ease its overall deficit by selling off the state's controlling share in three large banks, at the same time as other state enterprises shed stakes in the oil, electricity and insurance industries.

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U.S. to Send Commerce Secretary To Beijing

WASHINGTON -A day after the White House angered China by announcing that its top trade official would visit Taiwan, Commerce Secretary Barbara H. Franklin announced that she would travel to Beijing next month.

Carla A. Hills, the U.S. trade representative, will become the first

representative, will become the first cabinet official to visit Taipei since President Jimmy Carter transferred U.S. diplomatic recognition to China on Jan. 1, 1979.

Ms. Franklin will become the first cabinet official with economic responsibilities to visit China since the democracy crackdown in 1989. Her trip was announced Wednesday, the same day that the Chinese government said it was re-leasing a prominent dissident, Bao Zunxin, from prison 19 months be-

fore completion of his sentence. Ms. Franklin and Mrs. Hills will try to persuade their hosts to spend more money on American goods. The United States ran a trade defi-cit of \$12.69 billion with China last year and a \$9.85 billion deficit with Taiwan. Only trade with Japan posted a larger imbalance, amounting to \$43.44 billion last year. The State Department insisted

coincidental The two trips were decided on independently, on their own mer-its," a department official said. But a Commerce Department official said his agency had been try-ing for several weeks to set up a-visit by Ms. Franklin and that Chi-

that the timing of the two visits was

na accepted on Tuesday. Joseph Massey, who was assistant U.S. trade representative for China and Japan until last summer, said he doubted that the timing was a coincidence.

"I think obviously it would he awkward for China to have one of the key international economic members of the president's cabinet in Taiwan without accepting a visit from the commerce secretary," Mr. Massey said.

In Taipei, a trade official said that Taiwan and the United States would sign an agreement to in-crease trade and investment when Mrs. Hills visits.

Taiwanese and U.S. officials are still discussing aspects of the non-binding pact, said Tsai Lien-sheng. an official of the Board of Foreign

He declined to give details, but state radio said it might cover participation by U.S. firms in Taiwan's six-year, \$300-billion development



Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French president, with immigrant Jewish children Thursday at an immigration center in Israel.

Mitterrand, in Israel, Draws Skepticism

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — A big question in Israel this week is whether President François Mitterrand of France is good for the Jews, and the unqualified response on Thursday from political leaders was "yes."

Not everyone here was so sure. Mr. Mitterrand, who is on an official visit to improve France's relations with Israel and to increase its influence in the Middle East, raised passions among some Jews earlier this month by having a wreath laid in his name at the tomb of Marshal Philippe Pétain.

The purpose was to honor Marshal Petain as a hero of World War L But the marshal went on, in World War II, to lead the collaborationist Vichy regime, which rounded up tens of thousands of French Jews and deported them to Nazi death camps.

So in these days when neo-Nazi thugs are sending shivers through Europe, Mr. Mitterrand's wreath-laying gesture on Armistice Day left many Jews cold. Nor were they assuaged by assurances Thursday from Israel's prime minister and foreign minister that the French president was "a friend of Israel" and, among European politicians, "the man who best knows Jews and (NYT, Renters) Jewish history."

the Holocaust, he was greeted by 20 protesters wearing the striped uni-forms and yellow Stars of David of

the concentration camps.

Newspapers have also roughed up the president for having icily told an Israeli television interviewer that Vichy's crimes were a French affair and no one else's con-

This was a miserable declaration," wrote Tom Segev, a columnist for Ha'aretz, was one of many here who wondered aloud and in print how the Holocaust had become, in Mr. Mitterrand's phrase, an internal matter."

Barely a day passes here without some sort of echo of the rightist xenophobia and violence that have gripped Germany and other parts of Western Europe.

On Wednesday, when Mr. Mit-terrand arrived, the Israeli press reported a sudden burst of interest on the part of European Jews to emigrate to Israel. The numbers are not large, certainly not in comparison with the thousands of Jews landing each month from the former Soviet Union. Nonetheless, there reportedly were 1,000 immigrants from France in the past year, a 30 percent increase from 1991. In

When Mr. Mitterrand went to Germany this month, 46 Jews told West Jerusalem. It was left to his lay another wreath Thursday, this the Jewish Agency that they may foreign mimster, Roland Durnas, time at the Jerusalem memorial to want to move to Israel; October's to meet with the Palestinians in the total was 1. city's eastern sector. If Mr. Mitterrand had a reaction

Not that the Israelis liked every-

thing that they heard from the French leader. He reaffirmed his support for a Palestinian state and

told Israel that it had to get over its

aversion to talking directly with the Palestine Liberation Organization,

since it was "the only valid part-

ner" to deal with in the peace nego-

But he spoke softly rather than in

a hectoring tone. And in this sym-bol-minded city, he avoided giving Palestinian leaders all that they

wanted. He declined to meet with

them at their headquarters in East

Jerusalem, insisting that they come

instead to the French Consulate in

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Mr. Mitterrand also denounced to Jewish complaints about his re-cent conduct, he kept it to himself. the Arab economic boycott of Israel and signed several economic And from his government hosts, he agreements, incloding ooc oo heard nothing but praise. He voiced hopes that the two countries French help to modernize Israel's would return to the close relationship they enjoyed before the 1967 Middle East war drove them apart.

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Ex-Prime Minister Denies Any Deal With Japanese Mob

By David E. Sanger

New York Tumes Service disarray, failing to CTOKYO — Former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, attempting to quash a scandal that is threatening his own career and Japan's governing party, broke a long silence Thursday and denied that he struck a deal with organized crime figures to become prime minister

In two hours of testimony at Japan's parliament, Mr. Takeshita, a canny veteran of Japanese politics, conceded that he had sought to silence rightists who were cruising the streets of Tokyo in sound trucks, blaring mocking praise of Mr. Takeshita. But he said that he had never sought, directly or indirectly, the intervention of one of Japan's leading mobsters to get the trucks off the streets.
"I want to dispel any misunderstanding that Japan's

prime minister was elected by the action of a gangster," Mr. Takeshita said in a public session that was carefully stage-managed by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. He said he would ignore growing calls for his resignation from parliament, saying that it would be seen erroneously as an admission of guilt. Revelations about the ties between mobsters and

Japan's leadership have already forced the resignation of Mr. Takeshita's powerful political ally, Shin Kanemaru. Together the two men ran the biggest, most powerful faction of the ruling party, appointing and dismissing a succession of prime ministers.

Mr. Takeshita was forced to resign as prime minister in 1989 after disclosures of his involvement in a separate influence-peddling scandal, one in which he had long denied involvement. While the casts and plots of the two scandals were

different, they had a common thread: Ambitious Japanese businessmen, seeking allies in the political world who could cut through Japan's endless red tape and regulations, used vast supplies of hidden cash to fi-nance campaigns, silence critics, and solve political

In recent days, even Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa — who resigned as finance minister during the Recruit scandal — has said publicly that he was taken aback by the rising public distrust of the national government. In recent months, he said, that distrust

has "grown to an abnormal extent." There is mounting speculation that Mr. Miyazawa, although not touched by the current scandal, may be forced to declare a national election by the spring in an

disarray, failing to capitalize on the Liberal Demo-

"This could be a very long winter for Miyazawa," a senior Western diplomat said. "If everyone else was not also tainted by the scandals, he might be gone

The allegations that drove Mr. Takeshita to testify Thursday were made by Hiroyasu Watanabe, the former president of Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin, a fast-growing transport firm. He has told prosecutors that, at the request of Mr. Kanemaru, he approached Susumu Ishii, the leader of one of Japan's biggest organized. nized crime groups. Mr. Ishii then interceded with the rightist group that had been seeking to block Mr. Takeshita's rise to president of the Liberal Democratic Party, and thus the nation's prime minister. The sound trucks were silenced.

Mr. Kanemaru later accepted a \$4 million contribu-Mr. Kanemaru later accepted a 54 militon coambittion from the trucking concern, and it was that transaction, a violation of campaign financing laws, that
led to his resignation. He also paid a token fine,
prompting public protests that a less powerful figure
would have been imprisoned. Mr. Watanabe was questioned by both ruling and opposition party legislators.
Thursday at the Tokyo Detection Center, where he is
being held. Mr. Kanemaru, is scheduled to be green. being held. Mr. Kanemaru is scheduled to be questioned Friday at a hospital that he entered for an eye operation a week ago.

China Warns West Over Hong Kong

BELJING — China warned Western countries on Thursday to keep out of Hong Kong affairs, reacting to the efforts of Chris Patten, the British colony's governor, to garner international support for demo-

"It is inappropriate for any other country to make irresponsible remarks on this matter," said Wu Jian-min, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. He reiterated that any differences over the colony should be settled by Beijing and London.

Decisions on Hong Kong are to be China's sole effort to "purify" the party. Polls show that public domain after the territory's return support for his cabinet has fallen to between 15 and 20 July 1997, the spokesman added. domain after the territory's return to the mainland in

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Humane Intervention

what so many Americans are given, it was appropriate on Thanksgiving Day yesterday to consider what so many other people are not given. In a few places in the world, hunger is still a function of an absolute shortage of resources. But in most places it is palpably the product of decisions taken by people. There are decisions flowing from economic choices, bad choices of organization and management, some of which are being remedied in the wake of the discrediting of Soviet-style socialism. But the decisions of most concern today flow from political choices — choices by those with power to inflict starvation and death for political purposes. This is the spectacle the world sees most starkly in Bosnia and Somalia. The same outrages are to be found in other countries as well.

In Somalia, civil strife has toppled the structure of government and the very notion of sovereignty, leaving in place war-lords and bandits who seize upon inter-nationally provided relief supplies as the com of the local realm. In Bosnia, Serbian forces have practiced new refinements of extortion and siege; they now dispatch women and children to block UN truck convoys from feeding stricken Muslim towns. This is not to say that Americans

On the traditional day for celebrating have discharged their responsibility to hat so many Americans are given, it was the World charts rising requests for emergency food assistance and rising numbers of Americans living below the poverty line. Still, on Thanksgiving Day 1992 the focus was on the foreign banlefields, where there is an international readiness to provide food, but where violence keeps

it from getting through.

The fading of the Cold War was greeted as opening the way to a safer and more nane and prosperous world. Some part of this vision has had to be put on hold while people struggle with the convulsions and the surges of human suffering that have actually resulted. In this effort there are ning frustrations but also, it must be noted, a tentative progress. In just a few years the idea has been established that countries that fail to care decently for their citizens dilute their claim to sovereignty and forfeit invulnerability to outside political-military intervention.

Two variants of "humanitarian interven-tion" are now undergoing a crucial field testing in Somalia and Bosnia. It is the "new" idea on the international scene. It has already failed a great many people, but on its prospects rests the fate of a great many more. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

When a Candidate Is Ill

American hearts go out to former Sena-tor Paul Tsongas, who has just learned that a growth in his abdomen is cancerous. Mr. Tsongas won admirers everywhere with his tell-voters-the-truth campaign for the Democratic nomination this year. The fates have not been kind to this courageous public servant, who has already survived two previous bouts with cancer.

But even as concerned citizens pray for his speedy recovery, it is important to re-cognize that his individual plight points to a public problem: How can the electorate learn whether candidates for the nation's highest office are healthy enough to handle. it? If Mr. Tsongas had gone on to win, America would now have a president-elect stricken with a debilitating, conceivably life-threatening disease.

ft is always possible that a stricken presi-dent could have his cancer removed or controlled with only minor impact on his job performance, but there are more frighten scenarios. The stricken leader might face arduous radiation or drug therapy that could sap his energy and divert his attention just when he most needed to master his new responsibilities. Or the cancer might eventually kill him, possibly while he was in office.

The electorate was given only sketchy information about Mr. Tsongas's previous bouts with cancer. In 1983 he was diag-

nosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the infection-lighting lymphatic system. In 1986, when the lymphoma got worse, he was given a radical new treatmen -a bone marrow transplant - in an effort to cure him. When his health became an issue during the primaries, his doctors at first said he had been free of all traces of cancer ever since, suggesting that the radi-cal procedure had cured him. Only after he dropped out of the campaign did they acknowledge that he had suffered a "localized relapse," suggesting that the cure may not have been complete.

Now a cancerous growth has been found in Mr. Tsongas's abdomen. Whether it is related to the previous lymphomas or is a new tumor is not yet clear. But this third appearance of cancer suggests that the electorate needed more complete information on the health of this candidate.

At a minimum, it would be wise to re-quire all presidential candidates to make their full medical records available for evaluation to an independent panel. Better yet, all serious candidates might undergo examination by independent experts. No system can detect all ailments - or tumors that have not yet emerged. But the case of Paul Tsongas provides polgnant evidence that more searching scrutiny is needed. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Frazzled Europeans

Americans who worry that the language they speak is becoming an overly politicized matter — be they English Only types, supporters of bilingual education or foes of politically correct diction - might contemplate the frazzled and increasingly multilingual Europeans. The ever worsening lan-guage challenges facing a unifying Europe— the topic for a recent conference in Washington under the auspices of the European Institute - are primarily a matter of daunting logistics. But they also turn out to be a proxy for much more deep-seated concerns about national and cultural identity.

Multilingualism, Americans are used to hearing, is one of the great advantages that Europeans have over Americans in pursuing international business - and lack of it is one of the major shortfalls that education reformers in America must rectify. But, as ever larger numbers of sophisticated European bureaucrats are learning, the business of switching among foreign lan-guages brings problems in its wake. Undoubtedly the most frazzled of Europe-

an linguists reside in Brassels, where such organizations as the European Community and NATO employ the world's biggest trans

crats who feel most comfortable speaking crats who feel most comfortable speaking their own languages and, moreover, are addicted to holding meetings. With 12 member states and nine official languages — English, French, German, Dutch, Danish, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Greek — the EC interpretation people spend a lot of time wondering how they got into the situation of certifying all these languages as equal. The United Nations, with 179 official member states seets by on six

states, gets by on six.

The interpretation service is looking, with enthusiasm that borders on urgency, for linguists to hire and train. It was surely a coincidence that the National Endowment for the Humanities chose last week to announce \$2.1 million in grants to strengthen foreign language instruction and develop better methods for teaching foreign languages to Americans. Even so, there may be grounds for mutual assistance here. For starters, just comparing notes ought to make each side feel relief that it isn't the other.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Two Paths in Ex-Yugoslavia

Macedonia is the point at which the international community can most easily draw the line against Serbian expansionism. In contrast to the situation in Croatia and Bossia, the Serbian minority is small and the risks to Belgrade in riding to its rescue enor-mous. The European Community should recognize Macedonia at its summit in Edinburgh next month and supply it with imme-diate economic aid. At the same time, the United Nations should send troops to the republic in sufficient force to deter the Serbs. In Kosovo, the risks of foreign intervention are greater. Although ethnic Albanians account for 90 percent of the population, the province is an integral part of the Yugoslav rump. Recovery of Kosovo was for centuries a Serbian dream, after defeat by the Ottoman Turks in 1389, and the province was the launching pad for Slobodan Milosevic's reassertion of Serbian na-

tionalism in the 1980s. Intervention in

Kosovo would thus encroach on the Serbi-

an heartland. So far, Belgrade has permit-

ted the stationing of monitors from the

Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in Kosovo, Vojvodina (which has Hungarian and Croatian minorities), and the Muslim Sandjak. But it has refused to accept observers from the UN or

Bush is seeking to reverse.

In Macedonia, the way ahead is clear. In Kosovo, the UN has soon to decide whether to go against the wishes of Belgrade to protect the Albanian majority. In each case, the lesson of Yugoslavia's disintegration is that it pays to act early and decisively. - The Daily Telegraph (London).

EC, a decision which President George

The Spirit of Hitler

Hitler's spirit went for a midnight stroll at a German town on the Baltic. This evil spirit set afire two buildings where Turks had made their homes. The material and moral destruction, the suffering and shame caused by the Nazi regime have resurfaced like a black cloud on Germany's horizon. The state remains helpless. One should be sorry for Germany, not angry.

-- Sabah (Istanbul).

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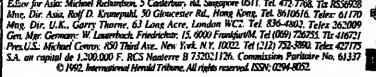
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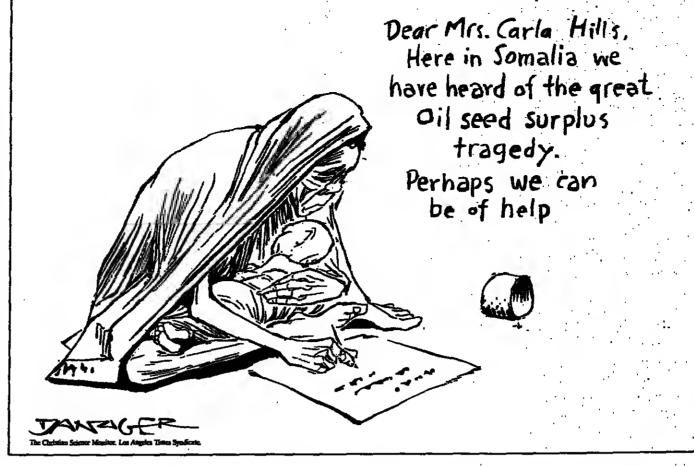
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OPINION



The High Costs in Bosnia Can Only Grow Higher

BRUSSELS — On Sunday, heavy shelling in Sarajevo broke yet another cease-fire. Boardan Serb forces are preparing attacks on other towns. There have been renewed calls for action by the civilized world. But are those clamoring for it

prepared to face the costs?

World leaders clearly believe they are not. Military action has been confined to an observer presence in parts of the country, now extended to Macedonia; cover for limited humanitarian sup-Macedonia; cover for limited humanitanan supplies to a few towns; and, recently, enforcement of a maritime blockade in the Adriatic. These are minor, fairly cheap steps. This weakness is recognized by the faction leaders. They believe that they can achieve their objectives long before any decision to prevent them is reached.

But if they are allowed to divide Bosnia-Herzenia.

govina among them, Kosovo and Macedonia will be next. Bloodshed and misery will grow. The stream of refugees will become a flood, epidemics will spread, and the conflict may engulf others.

Left alone, the situation can only deteriorate. But

world leaders are wary of military intervention, and with reason. It is liable to be costly in lives and resources, and the outcome would be uncertain.

Three military options exist — and none is simple. In ascending order of gravity, they are the protection of humanitarian aid deliveries, the establishment of safe havens, and, finally, the enforcement of peace.

The present small forces provide military cover for aid convoys in hopes of discouraging attacks on them, but they cannot respond to them. A more aggressive approach would be to secure certain **By Frederick Bonnart**

supply routes and keep them safe for convoys. This would mean committing a far greater force: The 7,000 troops now deployed under NATO auspices would have to grow, say, to 20,000 or 30,000, with

powerful air, artillery and other combat support and a large logistic underpinning. Yet this would be unlikely to stop the fighting. The next step therefore would be to establish havens for civilians. In order not to abot the "ethnic cleaning" process, this would have to be done in areas where the civilians have their homes. Outside forces would have to take up battle posi-

Oniside forces would have to take up bathe posi-tions on tactical heights, enforce the no-flight ban, dominate surrounding countryside and assume re-sponsibility for ensuring essential supplies for the survival of the population in the area.

For a city like Sarajevo alone, a force of more than 100,000, as originally proposed by NATO's Military Committee, would probably be a minimum. This number would also provide for safe communications and supply romes to ports.

At any step such forces risk being drawn into major combat, which ultimately means enforcing

seace. This would require forces on the scale of the Gulf War. In such operations, an enemy has to be identified. But in this civil war, where different gangs are fighting for survival or supremacy, no central authority can be localized.

Intervention forces would be unable to use high technology weaponry to strike at the heart of enemy power because it is so dispensed. They would therefore be involved in local engagements,

would increase be involved in local engagements be subject to heavy easualties, and noncombatants would be exposed to blackmail from all sides.

As the conflict sharpened, the requirement for ground forces would increase, as would their losses. Civilians would suffer most, and the reaction against intervention could be violent. A Vietnam- or Af-

phanistan-like quagmire is a possibility.

Still, the present slaughter cannot be allowed to continue. Assembling a major force would not now have the effect it would have had earlier, but it would demonstrate resolve. If combined with political action at the highest level it could be effective. A truly effective embargo would require involve-ment by Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. Troops would have to come not only from NATO mem-bers but from Russia and Ukraine.

As a carrot, economic aid could be offered to those new nations willing to accept international mediation; a powerful mediating body could be established to define acceptable solutions. It would then be backed by a massive international force ready to strike at any who violated a cease-fire.

Such action can be taken only by a truly united
UN Security Council; that will require powerful

leadership and considerable political activity. The cost would be great. But it would be infinitely smaller than that of ultimately undoing the chaos that threatens the Balkans and areas beyond. The writer is editor of NATO's Sixteen Nations,

an independent military journal published in Brus-sels. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Rushing a GATT Accord Hurts America's Interest

WASHINGTON — Everyone can be relieved that a trade war bepean Community seems to have been averted. But before Bill Clinton and his administration-to-be break out the

(low-tariff) Champagne, they should take a skeptical look at the broader trade deal being burned to completion by the Bush administration. The tiff over EC farm subsidies has

been one of several obstacles to completing the long-stalled Uruguay Round of global negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. American negotiators hope to crash through the remaining details by Christmas.

There are two reasons for this haste, one political, the other legal. Politically, George Bush and his trade negotiator, Carla Hills, would love to bring home this final foreign policy trophy before they leave of-fice. Legally, negotiating authority on trade is delegated to the presideat by Congress, and in this case it expires in March.

If a deal is not struck by the out-

going administration, Mr. Clinton and his new team would need months to study all the details. They would almost surely have to ask Congress for new negotiating authority, which would further delay completion of the round.

But that may not be such a bad idea. The street negotiating position

idea. The worst negotiating position occurs when you are in a hurry and the other side is not. Every other party to GATT knows that the Bush adminitration is hell-bent to make a deal.

The Urugnay Round was the Reagan administration's idea. It took that administration from 1982 to 1986 to persuade other nations even to launch the round, since the agenda was mainly America's, not theirs. Since 1986, America has had to make one concession after another to coax support from nations less eager to pursue trade liberalization. By now, all the easy concessions have been made — but Bush administration ne-

gotiators will have to find still more, to

rush the round to completion. The European-American farm deal provides a preview of what such dip-lomatic logic requires. Two GATT legal panels had ruled that the Europeans were improperly subsidizing oilseeds — soybeans and other crops used to make food oils. These subsidies prompted the recent U.S. threat of retaliatory tariffs on wine. Europe maisted on keeping some subsidies, so as a compromise the United States proposed overall limits on European

oilseed production. The Europeans countered by offering limits not on output but on land devoted to oilseeds. But this means that as farmers become more productive, subsidized production will go on increasing, in the end, to get a deal the United States accepted the European approach.

It is impossible to see how the

larger Uruguay Round can be con-cluded without an array of sine 'ar U.S. concessions on a broad range of consequential issues. For example, the Uruguay package would give other countries easier ac-

cess to U.S. markets in exchange for

By Robert Kuttner

sures. A crucial one for American interests is "services" —a broad cate-gory that embraces everything from banking to insurance to travel agencies to data processing. These are industries where the United States is very competitive but its access to for-eign markets is widely blocked. The deal on services has not ad-

vanced beyond agreement to a broad framework for negotiation. All the difficult details have yet to be re-solved. There are similar problems in the provisions regarding permissi-ble subsidies. Most industrial nations subsidize their industries far more than the United States does. The present draft agreement has a huge loophole allowing a variety of industrial subsidies for purposes of craft subsidy is an aircraft subsidy, whether or not it is used to benefit a particular region.

Europe restricts imports of American movies. Japan and South Korea block imports of American rice. But, far from making concessions, America's trading partners are demanding still more concessions as the price of a deal to complete the Uruguay

Round by January. One of the few ways American producers can fight improper foreign price manipulation is by "anti-dump-ing" laws that impose retaliatory tariffs. A provision of U.S. trade law known as Section 301 gives the president other countervailing leverage against foreign trade abuses. But othor nations are pressing U.S. negotiators to weaken anti-dumping and. Section 301 as part of a deal.

senior Democrat, recently said be hopes the Bush administration will wrap up the GATT round before Mr. Clinton takes office. But this would be no favor to Mr. Clinton. Whatever Mr. Bush and Mrs. Hills negotiate, Mr. Clinton will have to sell to Congress. Mr. Chaton and the country

will also have to live with it. After waiting this long, why not get it right? Mr. Clinton, in his first foreign policy pronouncement, properly said that the United States has only one president at a time. But he will soon be that president. He would be wise to request a briefing on the GATT round, and to let the Bush negotiators know what he thinks of their hasty handiwork.

Washington Past Writers Group.

Developing Countries Are on Board

ONDON — The developing countries as a whole are now as strongly in favor of a Uruguay Round agreement as any other group, although at the outset they were less than enthusiastic.

Some were worried about being required to open up their service sec-tors, particularly banking and insurance, others about patents and other aspects of "intellectual property," and most about the erosion of their existing privileges and derogations from GATT rules, their so-called special and differential entirely and differenti cial and differential status.

The draft agreement that Arthur Dunkel, the GATT director-general, presented last December addresses some of their concerns. More important, they have reassessed the balance of their interests. They see significant gains in access to developed-country markets and are willing to open their markets to international competition in return, in some cases enthusiastically. Brazil, Zimbabwe, Mexico and India have undertaken broad programs of trade liberalization.

Where tariffs are still substantial. significant export gains are available - as in fish and cut flowers, not major developing-country exports but important to particular countries. Overall, gains would be greatest in textiles and clothing. Exports of these are now regulated by the Multi-Fiber Arrangement. Under a Uruguay Round agreement this would be climinated and trade would revert to GATT rules over a 10-year period. The gains would be unequally spread, with relatively low-wage producers, such as China, Bangladesh and the Philippines, best placed to benefit. Agriculture in the developing

countries would gain from reduced dumping by the United States and the European Community of meat, cereals, oilseeds, sugar and dairy products. Latin America in particular would benefit from higher prices for meat, sugar and soybeans.

Significant importers of these products, such as India, will lose in the short run. But higher prices will give Indian farmers incentives to in-

By Michael Davenport

crease output of import substitutes.

The most important potential gains to the Third World are the hardest to quantify. Tighter rules governing trade will give these countries greater security against pres-sures from stronger countries. A stronger, more confident GATT will improve their prospects of redress against unjustified restraints on access to export markets.

Developed countries now protect themselves from the Third World largely through nontariff barriers. These come under such euphemisms as "voluntary export restraints," but are simply arrangements whereby a developing country accepts a quota on its exports of some "sensitive" product to the developed country under the implicit threat of more farreaching barriers. It was estimated that in 1984, before the Uruguay Round began, one-fifth of developing-country exports to the European Community, the United States, Fin-

land, Japan, Norway and Switzerland were covered by nontariff barriers. Despite the agreement at the outset to roll back such barriers, their number, as applied to Third World exports, has continued to increase. If an agreement is reached, these will have to be justified under a much stricter "safeguard" clause or be phased out. The rules regulating the use by de-veloped countries of anti-dumping

actions for protectionist purposes would be tightened. The present GATT code against dumping is imprecise, allowing rules and procedures in the European Community and the United States to be palpably biased in favor of domestic firms beinging compleints.

bringing complaints.

In return for tighter rules and discipline, the developing countries would have to accept a package not all to their liking. A General Agreement on Trade in Section 1997. Trade in Services would establish that the GATT principles, including non-discrimination among suppliers and transparency of barriers, also applied to trade in services. But developing countries would be allowed transition-al arrangements. The least developed countries would be given special sta-

tus, but their derogations would be regularly monitored.

Developing countries now see gains from being wholehearted members of the international trading community. ing community. They realize that special status has been of doubtful benefit and has marginalized them in trade negotiations. For the first time these countries have taken an active part in a GATT round. Many have signaled their commitment to GATT principles by opening their markets to a significant degree.

The writer, a research associate at the Overseas Development Institute, in London, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Somalia: 🤝 'A World Disgrace'

By Anthony Lewis N EW YORK - There are a lot of bad situations. This is the worst. It is a national disgrace,

a world disgrace." An old Foreign Service hand was talking a man you would think inned to disaster. But he was driven to outrage by what is happening—and what the United States and the world are not doing about it—in Somalia.

As many as 300,000 people have died in Somalia during a year of drought and intercommunal warfare. Hundreds of thousands more are on timereds or mouseues more are on the brink of starvation, kept alive from day to day by relief efforts. The world, led by America, has brought in enough food. But gangs of armed tings are preventing the relief from reaching many of those who need it. No genius is required to know what has to be done to save those hmaan beings. Force — military force — must be used to protect the relief effort from the gaugs. Barbara Smith, a registered nurse.

was in Somalia for the International Rescue Committee last month. In a letter she described how horrifying the situation was even to a trained relief worker.
"This is different from reporting

about insufficient resources or a high rate of kwashiorkor," she wrote. "This is more like reporting about mass suicide or genocide... There is nothing in Somalia except the everpresent threat of violence...
"The sad fact is that the situation in Somalia is so daugerous and so

crazed (I do not use this term lightly)
that the relief effort will be unable to
prevent hundreds of thousands of
people from dying if the violence

is not stopped."

A small United Nations peace-keeping force is in Somalia: 500 Pakistani soldiers. More are due to come from other countries. But that operafrom other countries, but that opera-tion is essentially uscless because UN peacekeepers by tradition operate only with the approval of conflicting powers, to maintain an agreed peace between them. Here there is no peace, and there is no government to deal

with, just gangs.

The realistic alternative, one that can work fast, is for the UN Security Council to authorize the dispatch of

control to authorize the disparch of national forces by member countries. That was the political-legal formula used in the Gulf War.

A few thousand well-armed troops with a clear mission could make all the difference in Somalia. Their mission, it should be emphasized, would be to protect relief operations, not to settle the conflicts among the Somalia. the conflicts among the Somalia.

They should not intervene in the internal fighting," said Fred Cury, an American expert who is playing a major part in the Somali relief ef-fort. "This is a collection of blood fends. Every family that has lost someone wants revenge. Outsiders

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What should be done. says, is for a military force to secure areas that are now relatively free of violence, make them absolutely safe, invite people into those areas to be fed — and then resolutely defend the zones. He would bypass the capital city of Mogadishu altogether because

Who is going to do the job? The troops need not be American (though the United States reportedly has offered to send up to 30,000). But in the world as it is, the leadership will have to come from the United States. Very little happens on such issues unless America moves.

There is some understandable reluctance in the State Department. Of-ficials agree that the situation in Somalia is desperate. But they worry about the precedent of intervention about the appropriate limits of force.
"I feel almost morally deficient when I raise those concerns," one person said, "but someone has to."

But if thus can stop the relief effort in Somalia, if more hundreds of thousands die, that will be a precedent, too.

"This stuff is a virus," Fred Cury said. "It can so easily spread to other countries and other conflicts, and our countries and other conflicts, and our whole system of saving lives can break down. I've been involved in almost every major relief effort since Biafra in 1969, and I've never seen relief workers so frightened, so fed up. By definition they are dedicated people. But in Somalia they keep asking me: 'Is it worth it? Why do we keep taking these risks? Where's our support?"

This is an issue that will not wait for Bill Clinton. The Bush administration

Bill Clinton. The Bush adn knows that. It is near a decision on what to do next in Somalia. Americans may ask, Why us? The answer is that being the world's only superpower car-nes a burden: responsibility.

The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: London's Jobless

LONDON — A meeting of the un-employed organized by the South London Unemployed Committee was held in Trafalgar Square yester-day afternoon [Nov. 26]. The chair-man said that they had been able to meet in the square after the usual skinnishes with the City police. Mr. Shaw Maxwell called on the Board to provide free maintenance for chil-dren, and on Parliament to grant powers to the Country Council for immediately establishing Municipal workshops for the unemployed.

1917: Tatiana Escapes

NEW YORK — News is received by the Russian Committee of Relief for Civilians that the ex-Tsar's daughter, Grand Duchess Tatians, having escaped from Siberia, is expected to arrive in New York in the beginning of December to take up relief work on behalf of Russia's civil popula-tion. It is learned that she facilitated

her escape from captivity in Siberia by going through a mock marriage cere-mony with the son of Baron Freedericker, ex-Chamberlain of the Tsar. Having succeeded in reaching Japan, she left a Japanese port for New York.

1942: Pennies of Paper

BOISE, Idaho — [From our New York edition:] With the full approval of the government, the Boise Retail
Merchant's Bureau will issue paper
one-cent pieces, good for one stick of gum, an all-day sucker or similar tisms. The United States District Amorney's office has sanctioned the scheme as a means of combating the scheme as a means of combating the copper shortage. Made of light cardboard and about the size of a postage stamp, the "paper pennies" will have a V on one aide and an inscription designed to full counterfeiters on the other.

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WASHINGTON — Treasury offi-cials disclosed today [Nov. 26] that one-cent pieces would be minted of steel coated with zinc to free copper for war industries.



OPINION

World Spooks: A Handy Guide

By William Safire

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WASHINGTON - There is this "dead drop" in a

W ASHINGTON — There is this "dead drop" in a tree in Farragnt Square, just outside my office. Responding to a coded request in this space for assessments of intelligence agencies, some of the world's leading counterspies have dropped off their evaluations of one another's espionage operations. Here, then, is the first annual international spookery peer review. Gathering and evaluating capabilities are given up to four "cloaks"; covert operations capacity is symbolized in "daggers."

French intelligence, long decided for spying on itself, is regarded as a post-Cold War comer. Because the Gallic ethos tolerates the most flagrant invasion of privacy, Franco-spooks operate without legislative or press scrutiny, making internal spying easy for 1,500 full-time wiretappers. Operations abroad take the lead in industrial espionage, stealing commercial and techm industrial espionage, stealing commercial and tech-nological secrets and selling them to France's private

sector. (4 cloaks, 1 dagger)

British intelligence is in an uncomfortable state of "avowal." MI6 is at last being publicly recognized and held accountable for mistakes. Its use of the Matrix Churchill company to run arms into Iraq — using the excuse that this kept the West informed about Saddam Hussein's buildup — is now being exposed as plainly stupid, embarrassing U.S. and Italian counterparts. But as the Gordievsky recovery showed, nobody beats the

as the Connevery entired, nothing bears the Brits on running agents in place. (2 cloaks, 1 dagger)

Chinese intelligence, for 30 years able to penetrate the CIA with a mole (who, as trained, committed suicide when caught), is strongest on "humint," the paintaking gathering of data by individuals. "We send up one satellite to bring back a truckload of nocks." writes an satellite to bring back a truckload of rocks," writes an

American dead-dropper, "while the Chinese send out tens of thousands of students and businessmen, each to

bring back a pinch of sand." (3 cloaks, 1 dagger) Israeli intelligence, its mission given piquancy by national survival needs, remains strong on covert capability in its region and Europe, thin in Africa. Although Mossad proved to be clean in the Pollard rogue operation, an inability to target Iraqi Scud mobile launchers exposed a shortfall in military intelligence. The stillgutsy agency concentrates its limited budget on the transan threat. (3 cloaks, 4 daggers)

Sandi intelligence is strong at the top and able to draw data from global banking sources, but weak in the field, overly relying on paid informants and U.S. expertise in AWACS surveillance. (2 cloaks, 1 dagger) Japanese intelligence hardly exists; they hire consul tants for access, India and Pakistan spy mainly on each other, as do the Koress

Other, as do the Koreas.

German intelligence is in flux: still a good team player within NATO, but now no longer shot through by East Germany's Stasi (which once had 80,000 agents, almost in the same league with the U.S. and former Soviet Union). Improving its Fingerspitzengefilh! but confused about its mission. Help industry sell arms? Steal stolen French commercial secrets? Retrieve sensitive Stasi files from Russians? (2 cleaks, 1 decore?) from Russians? (2 cloaks, I dagger)

Of the niche agencies, Singapore is better than witzerland on tracking money flows, Belgium snoops best on European Community affairs, and Norway retains its reputation for the most courageous agents. South Africa has hunkered down.

Of the former KGB subsidiaries, the Polish is now the most effective, followed by the Czech and Humgarian; garian hit men suffer for lack of wet work. Cuban and Libyan agents seem ideologically unmotivated.



Russian external intelligence under Yevgeni Prima-kov is as active as ever worldwide. It uses a high-minded control of nuclear proliferation as cover but its mission is to leapfrog costly R&D by stealing military and industri-

al technology. (4 cloaks, 3 daggers)
The CIA? On Irangate, Robert Gates writes to protest that both intelligence committee chairmen "have told me that they could not think of anything I might do on BNL that I have not already done." He's invited me over for a brainwash and rinse next month. Still the defending champ, the CIA seems "kinds flat." (3 cloaks, 2 daggers)

The New York Times.

Recalling the Gay Young Infantryman

By Lucian K. Truscott 3d

WASHINGTON — How times change. The words "A Gay Young Cavalryman" appear as the title of a song in the brief memoir my father wrote of his service in the U.S. Cavalry between the world wars. Can you imagine a song today called "A Gay Young Fighter Pilot"?

I commanded an infantry rifle company in the first year of the Korean War. Among the 150 men I had with me on those mean mountains in that bitter cold was at least one

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gay soldier. The rest of us knew that if nothing else he was efferminate. That and his red hair are probably why I remember him so well after all these years.

I saw men ridiculing him to his face, as men will. You know: one hand on hip, the other waving in the air with a limp wrist as the mimic took prim, mincing steps around him. The first sergeant approached me one day and said,
"Sir, I think XXXX is a goddamn queer." About all I
could say was, "Well, Top, I guess there's no damn law
against it as long he's doing his joh."
His joh was BAR-man; the initials stand for Browning

Automatic Rifle. It is a hig weapon, weighing more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms), but even at his small size—
about 5 feet 7 inches and 140 pounds (1.70 meters and 56

Why don't we have the guts to admit that there always have been and always will be gays in our society? Admit it kilos) — be carried the BAR in his squad. The weapon was so reliable and deadly that the Chinese invariably went for the BAR-man first.

But he did that joh, which few men wanted, until a wet this comment to The Washington Post

military discipline, morale and ef-

But, the counterargument goes,

thousands of closet gays now serve in

the military with honor and distinction

and without undue problems. True, but only because military gays now

If legalized, gays in the military will

not just emerge from the closet. They and their civilian "gay liberation" sup-

porters will bring assertive confronta-tion and escalating demands. Let the

camel's head in the tent and you will

For example, gays would demand that the Uniform Code of Military

Justice (UCMJ) be changed to legal-

ize sodomy, and that the 22 states

that now prohibit sodomy legalize

such activity on military installations

in those states. They would demand

soon host the entire beast.

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maintain a low and quiet profile.

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spring day in 1951, when I knelt down and looked at the small round hole in the center of his wet gray forehead. I noticed some of the men in his squad turning away so I wouldn't see them crying as they put him on a litter. He was one of us, a soldier,

I'm as sure of the fact that be was gay as I am that he was a damned good soldier and that there were gay soldiers in the infantry battalion I commanded in Vietnam in 1967-1968. There are probably homosexuals in any group of a

hundred or so men you assemble any place, any time.

A few years ago my son wrote a novel about a gay cadet at
West Point and brought down the wrath of many graduates
upon his (and my) head for even intimating that West Point
might have had a homosexual cadet. Now, looking back with 40 or 50 years of knowledge and experience. I am certain that four general officers I knew were gay; one was a highly decorated infantry officer in World War II.

I am surprised that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, takes a stance against gays in the military. As a black officer, he must be more intimate with discrimination than most of us. The argument seems to be that integration of gays will disrupt discipline. Of course it will! The integration of blacks still does to some degree, but the armed forces have controlled it and will

and treat them as humans. They are, you know.

The writer is a retired army infantry officer. He contributed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Avoidable Tragedies Of Sarajevo and Somalia

The fighting around Sarajevo could be ended in a matter of days by an aircraft carrier task force and 200 assorted aircraft or less, with about one-tenth

the troops sent into Panama in pursuit of Manuel Antonio Nociega. The United States could do it, France could do it. The forces of the former Soviet Union could do it. Failure to act has nothing to do with lack of means, which would be conclusive, and everything to do with will and conscience, which would appear to be nonexistent. NORMAN SPINRAD.

James Grant, executive director of Unicef, has said: "Somalia is the worst case I have seen in my 47 years of dealing with humanitarian problems. It is a battlefield with g to 10 warlords fighting each other, and young men driving around indiscriminately strafing anything alive, including children." Somalia is a member of the Arab

League, the Organization of African Unity and the Islamic Conference. Yet, not one leader from any member state of these organizations has taken the time and initiative to visit Somalia in an attempt to reconcile its warlords and allow the international aid pouring in to reach its wretched people.

In fact, the only leader to visit that unhappy land in an effort to focus world attention on its plight has been President Mary Robinson of Ireland.

RAMSES NASSIF.

How to Get Action

A good tactic to get action from the U.S. Congress and the executive branch would be to link the pay of legislators, the president and his top political appointees to an economic misery index the percentage of unemployed, the in-crease or decrease in the number of homeless people, the number of meals served in soup kitchens, and so on and let their pay rise or fall accordingly.

I can hear them now: "But it's not our fault." Nor is it the fault of the unemployed. If those in office suffered this sort of indignity, you can bet it would not be politics as usual but expeditions attention to the problem.

DARRIL HUDSON.

The Japanese Loophole: A Dangerous Precedent

Regarding the report "Japan Hints at a Review of Philorium Shipments" (Nov. 14) by David E. Sanger:

Mr. Sanger's article is one of the first to

allowing Japan to use plutonium as a fuel for nuclear reactors. The article demonstrates how easy it would be for Japan suddenly to renounce the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and start making bombs. If Japan uses plutonium to power

reactors, others will want to do the same. The biggest problem for a country that wants to make nuclear weapons is no longer in acquiring the technology; these secrets have long been out of the bag. The problem is the extreme difficulty in obtaining fissile material.

Setting up a plutonium-fueled power plant gives would-be bomb makers an excuse to buy plutonium or produce it themselves. Fortunately, Japan is the only country with a well-developed program for this type of reactor.

By using plutonium to power reactors, Japan is opening a huge loophole in the Nonproliferation Treaty. If it is right for Japan to have a large photonium stock-pile, it is right for other countries to do so. DOUGLAS SCOTT. Hamilton, Ontario.

The Stains on State

Forty years ago, two young trouble-makers fresh out of law school were sent overseas by Senator Joe McCarthy to terrorize Foreign Service officers and U.S. Information Service employees by discovering that books about Russia could be found in libraries in Europe. sound the alert about the dangers of Roy Colm and G. David Schine had a

marvelous time junkering around En-rope at public expense and were fawned over by compliant bureaucrats in the Foreign Service. The Republican president and secretary of state were too frightened to intervene, and the Foreign

Service still bears the stain. Nothing has changed. A Republican president and secretary of state have allowed a silly search for supposed dirt about President-elect Bill Clinton to be conducted in State Department files. Department toadies ransacked the files day and night. President George Bush lost the election, and the State Depart-ment official who ran the search has been fired. Had President Bush won, would she have been promoted?

ELWOOD A. RICKLESS. New York.

This Is the End, My Friend

Regarding "For Bush, Final Days Can't Come Fast Enough" (Nov. 19): According to Anne Devroy, George Bush "does not much like what one side called 'the codless endings with no startines." The phrase is felicitous, and might well fit in with what most French people feel about President François Mitterrand's "endlessly ending" reign. Time, it seems to me (as it did to Shake-speare), "must have to stop."

ROGER BERNARD. Saint Etienne, France.

By William T. Corbett

No, Civilian Rights Can't Always Apply

STUTTGART — Most American military professionals contend that legalizing homosexuality in the services would severely impair Americans harbor deep cultural and moral abhorrence for homosexuality. Legalization of gays in the military would surely bring belligerent assertiveness of gay liberation movements. And that will ensure dangerous confrontations, with severe disruption

to the military mission. Even a potential Democratic secretary of defense, Senator Sam Nunn, has warned President-elect Bill Clin-

ton to "proceed very cautiously." If Mr. Clinton were to legalize homosexuality in the services overnight, the Georgia Democrat has said, "I'd fear for the lives of military

people themselves." This is not to say that a civil rights injustice should be ignored in the interests of maintaining order, but that the military mission is too important to sacrifice at the altar of civil and individual rights.

Before you scream, gentle reader, consider that this is nothing new. The military has long subordinated individual and group civil rights in the interest that homosexual marriages be legalized and that gay couples be allowed military housing and the same entitlements and benefits as heterosexual couples. Gay comples would demand spouse assignment rights (comple asing the discipline occessary to ensure the nation's security. signed to same military location), in-

AIDS will be the most explosive issue to arise if homosexuality is le-galized in the military. Male homo-sexuality is a prime method of trans-Also of concern is the disruption that would result from interpersonal mitting the AIDS virus. Gay activists infantry platoon to combat group. He argue that AIDS is not an issue beand intergroup confrontations between heterosexuals and homosexuals. Whether right or wrong, many cause the military discharges anyone national Herald Tribune.

testing HTV positive. But remember

the camel's head.
Once gay military service is legal, gay activists, citing the way the bas-kethall player Magic Johnson re-mained fully functional after infection with HIV, will demand that HIV positive personnel continue oormal daty until full-hlown AJDS is diagnosed, when they will call for reduced duty with full pay and allowances. Politicians, civil rights groups and health services, not wanting the problem in the civilian sector, will agree.

Will not these "virus to death" benefits make the military the occupation of choice for homosexuals? And how will that effect the heterosexual population of the U.S. military? Finally, what impact will providing long-term health care services for AIDS patients have on a limited military hudget?

To seek citizen equity through social engineering is an American tradition, and must continue.

But using the military as lead agency in solving social inequities in the L'ited States could dilute its primary mission. Nothing must be done to endanger the stannch bond that exists between the American public and their military.

The writer, a retired U.S. Army col-onel, commanded units ranging from



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INGAPORE — The railway station in Bangkok was crowded and chaotic. Outside, by the side entrance, crates headed for various destinations were stacked belter-skelter, and inside, families had rolled out mats on the tile floor, and with their water bottles in hand, ate dried foods, waiting for connections. The Thai Navy seemed everywhere; here and there I spotted traders with makeshift bags packed to the hilt with goods. The heat was impossible.

This was the hustling, inured Third World of peasant farmers and manual laborers, not Bangkok's glitzy scene of four- and five-star

My worries about my accommodations began to mount: second class with overnight berth. I was taking the Thai railway to Butterworth, Malaysia, where I would switch to the Malaysian line for the second leg of the journey to Singapore.

Once aboard, I found myself with a class of cross-border travelers with rising expectations who kept themselves amused with pocket Nintendo games, mobile phones, and Walkmans. The train only had first and second class, and all but one sitting coach contained berths. Mine was neither new nor particularly clean, but the air-conditioning worked, and the sheets were starched and spotless. The food was decent. What I was really looking for was companionship, and it turned out to be splen-

From Bangkok to Singapore by Train pore. A cupped hand came up often to his

"Ah, Thailand!" said the German machinist who had been in Asia since 1972 over a bottle of Tiger Beer in the dining car, a converted coach with tables, chairs and stools plopped into it.

Leaving Bangkok, we passed by the swamps, shantytowns and puddles of dirty water, then encountered suburbs of concrete houses and apartment buildings with the jungle creeping in. Now a near-full moon was out, and there was nothing but rice paddies. The dining car was not air conditioned, but the windows were open and a breeze played

IFE was perfect, "In Germany with the neo-Nazis it is now the worst, but Thailand!" the German ex-

"In Thailand, I understand the mentality. Even if they give some rubbish, I just smile and go on. In Malaysia and Singapore it is different, but in Thailand, never puk-puk [argue], cause trouble."
"I claim no country," he said. "I am a
Berliner, a citizen of the world!"

He was smitten, by the heat, the tropics, nostalgia for bygone eras and the romanticism of decay. An adventurer. He had worked in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Singa-

mouth as he drew me into his conspiratorial world. "Videos," he said. He owned a private library of more than 200 back in Bangkok. "Lots of history," he said, documentaries. The history was mostly about what the Germans and Japanese had done during World War II, and what the Ku Klux Klan was up to in the United States. It was possible that the heat had driven him a little mad.

"You know the video "The Bridge Over the River Kwai?" he asked when we got onto the subject of the railways of the world. "Yes," I replied. The cupped hand came up to his mouth. They could not make the film in

I wandered around the train trying to strike

on "accidental" conversations. There was a tall, wiry, young man with long hair wearing a rainbow-colored shirt with an image of a Western couple embracing oo it. There is nothing odd about long-haired travelers in Thailand or Malaysia, but they are usually Europeans or American. This man looked Indian. He was Muslim, he told me, and he did not drink or smoke, but he indulged my company for sever-al hours in the antercom at the end of our airconditioned coach where I could satisfy my habit for tobacco. He was Indian-Malaysian. His parents were separated, and he had graduated not long before from university in Toron-to where his father lived. He was on his way to see his mother in Kuala Lumpur. He had been traveling around the world for two years on the road and rails.
"Which country did you like the best?" I

"Central Russia," he said. "The republics. Excellent people. Very friendly. I spent two months there."

E offered his report: The people were mostly Musim but they were not deeply religious. Smuggling and the black market had gone wild. In Tashkent, Indians and Afghans have set up extensive smuggling networks. The Indians fly their goods in from New The Indians fly their goods in from New Delhi and pay off the customs officials. You can see the dollars flying right out in the open at the airport as they argue and negotians over price. And what are they bringing in? He had noticed saris. What else? He wasn't sure. But the smuggling and the black market were everywhere in the Commonwealth of Independent States, especially between Moscow

and the republics.

About midnight I found myself scribbling notes, sitting on a tiny fold-out chair in the accordion space between coaches. The berths had been taken down and the passengers had

retired for the evening. I could smoke here also. The train made a stop and a young American woman carrying a backpack clambered on. It was pitch black outside and it seemed as if she had stepped right out of the jungle. She could not find an empty seat, so the settled down with the first seat, as she settled down with me for a chat. She had just spent six weeks on Tao, an island off Thailand's east coast, and had made a hairy five-hour bost trip in the dark that evening t make this connection. Where is Tao? I asked.
Did I know Phangan, the island next to
Samui, the island tourist pit? she inquired. No, I didn't. Phangan is the "party island," she said. On the night of the full moon the hippies drop LSD on the beach. Tao is the next island out — almost deserted, a popula-tion of 900, with about two dozen expatriates

cine and science journalism. ORE pressing was the problem at hand. She didn't have a seat and now I discovered that I was locked out of my coach. We were soon joined by two Indians, who had got caught in a card game. The American woman did not find a seat until 3:30 A. M.,

who make a living as scuba diving instructors

off a small tourist trade. She had considered

staying there forever. But then there was her future — a choice of careers between medi-

and I did not get back into my coach until past 4:00 A.M.

past 4:00 A. M.

In the morning, in Butterworth, I linked up with an elderly British woman and her traveling companion, an American woman 20 years younger who lived in London. This mismatched pair was a mystery: the British woman with a shock of white heir, a cane, two sun hats strapped to her luggage and the very un-American looking American woman who had acquired a touch of a British accent and Continental views. The traveless that had Continental views. The travelers that Paul Bowles had written about in "The Sheltering Sky" still exist. They were heading to Penans for a hiatus in their railway trip, and so was I so we took the ferry together over from But-terworth. They slipped from view on the deck on the other side.

LEARNED from the trip. The rather un-private second-class is the way to travel on the That-Malaysia rathway. From Butterworth down to Singapore I bought the same class of ticket. This time everything was immsculate and new. Perhaps the mood of efficiency dampened the rest of the journey somehow, or perhaps it was that when I switched in Kuala Lumpur at 10:30 P. M., the berths were already out and everyone retired before we even started.

I closed the curtains to my berth and searched through my book-bag for something to read. The train chugged along. I was wrapped in a traveling cocoon.

Andrew Ranard writes about Japan and outheast Asia.

The Sound Of the 14th Century In Florence,

An Old Organ Is Restored

By Ken Shulman

LORENCE - In the mid-1400s, almost concurrently with the discovery of the art of perspective that would revolutionize painting in Tuscany and the world, the builders of church organs brought about a virtual renaissance of sound.

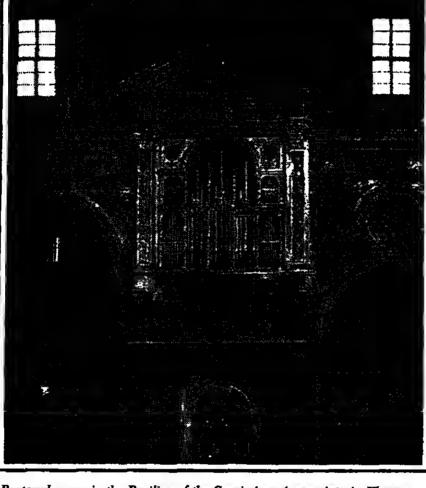
Like the visual revolution, this audio revolution was based on a new concept of space, both in the architecture of the instruments and in the type of sound they would produce. Unlike the previous Gothic organs, whose tones were restricted to a single register, the Renaissance organs added a "third dimen-sion" to sounds with the addition of up to six separate registers, creating unimagined freedom for composers and musicians. And like birth of the new organ took place in Tuscany, making the region the point of reference for organists for nearly three centuries.

One of the finest examples of 16th-century organs still in working order is the recently restored one at the Basilica of the Santis-sima Annunziata in Florence. Built between 1509 and 1521 by Domenico di Lorenzo one of the founding fathers of this art - and decorated with intaglios by Giovanni di Alessio, the gilded, six-register organ is the second-oldest instrument in Italy.

The Santissima Annunziata organ is the only di Lorenzo instrument that has survived in anything close to its original condition. The fate of Renaissance organs has been similar to those of that era's paintings and sculpture. III-advised additions and restorations have frequently modified the instruments in both appearance and in sound.

Over the centuries, the Santissima Annunziata organ has undergone a series of revisions and restorations that have inevitably altered its character. Three notes were added to the principal register in 1620 by a restorer, Agostino Vasconi. In 1763, a certain Father Vambre lowered the choral register by half a tone. But the most dramatic modifications occurred at the beginning of this century, when the flute register was lowered an octave and the original keyboard was replaced by that of a piano.

"You do not play a 16th-century organ the same way you play a pianoforte," asserted Pier Paolo Donati, founder of the Antique



Restored organ in the Basilica of the Santissima Annunziata in Florence.

Keyboard Instrument Restoration Workshop at Palazzo Pitti in Florence and the director of the recently completed two-year project to restore the Santissima Annunziata organ - and more importantly its timber to its original state.

"Like antique paintings, these antique in-struments have a soul within them," says Donati, who was financed in his 70 million lira (\$53,000) project by Banca Toscana. "A soul that emerges depending upon their condition, and upon how they are touched.

"Restoring an instrument like this one is similar to removing all the repaintings and grime from a Venetian canvas to discover the bright, true colors that lie underneath. Sound and music also have their own color schemes. Translated into musical terms, this means that when we restore an instrument to its original state, we can finally provide the listener with a proper concept of the sound of the past, a sound which is often quite different from that which he is accustomed to hearing."

Aside from an overall tune-up of an instrument Donati describes as "magnificent," the most important aspects of the restoration were returning the flute register to its origi-nal position and replacing the piano keyboard with an organ keyboard constructed according to 16th-century canons and with materials similar to those di Lorenzo used.

The restored Santissima Annunziata organ — and Donati's work — were put to their first test in October by the organist Gustav Leonhardt. The Swiss-born maestro executed a program of 16th- and 17th-centu-ry music, including compositions of Susato, Purcell, Frescobaldi and Pachelbel.

"It wasn't really an examination," said a radiant Lecuhardt at a post-concert cocktail in the church's 15th-century cloister. "I already knew the instrument, and I've known the restorer for years.

"Certainly he has recovered the original tonality, the delicate rapport between treble and bass that is so essential — and so rare in an instrument of this type. The keyboard was exquisitely light as well. As it should be."

The Santissima Ammuziata organ can be admired from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 3:30 to 7 P.M. Its music can be heard during Sunday Mass.

Ken Shulman is an American writer based



In rainy weather, the park emphasizes Christmas celebrations.

How Euro Disney Copes in Winter

By Barry James

ARIS — Euro Disneyland put on Christmas trappings this week, hop-ing to confound critics who say that the theme park east of Paris on a cold and rainy day is for the ducks.

To meet its attendance target of 11 million visitors in the first year, the loss-making enterprise needs to attract an average of at least 30,000 visitors a day. Judging from the vast expanse of empty tarmae at the Disney-land car park, it is not succeeding. Nevertheless, Disneyland on a gray, win-

tery day has charms unknown to the fair weather visitor. The first is that the park is relatively uncrowded, which means that lines are measured in minutes rather than an hour or more.

Michael Eisner, the president of the parent Disney Company, argued from an early stage that central heating and open fires would attract Euro Disneyland's winter visitors in the same way that air conditioning pulls in guests during the fiercest days of a Florida or California summer. The attractions and restaurants are indeed adequately seated, cozy and inviting.
But the company's claim that you can get

around the park under arcades is an erag-geration. If it looks like rain, take an umbreiis and a good raincost.

In designing the park, Disney's "Imagin-eers" brightened up the paint tones so that the hotels and attractions would stand out

on a gray day. The result is that the park is less garish, and visually aesthetic on a sad winter's day, although this may not be something that the average kid may notice. But where are they? Most of the visitors these days appear to be adults.

When darkness fell during a recent rainy day, the park assumed an aususpected charm with fairy lights and old-fashioned street lamps reflecting against the wet side-walks and generally making the place look

Disney's Christmas theme requires a high kitsch tolerance factor. Treachy carols and Mantovani-type agrangements of Tchaikovsky waltzes sound from the loudspeakers. Main Street USA, Disneyland's central

We know the world has changed when the French want to ban American books as indecent. A conservative organization called Avenir de la Culture says it is suing to remove "Sex" (by you know who) from the French market. The organization is unhappy for all sorts of good and true reasons, that the book, made a best-seller by a brilliant publicity campaign, is shocking and revolting and disgusting and shameless, and its herome, too. Look at it this way. There are no more Joyces,

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mall, is sprinkled with pixic dust and spruced up with thousands of ribbons, wreaths and decorations. Santa Claus with reindeer-drawn sleigh joins the familiar Dis-

The square pool in front of the New York's hotel outside the park has been turned into a skating rink resembling New York's Rockefeller Center:

Euro Disney has reduced prices at its hotels and campground, except on weekends and holiday periods. They range from 450 francs for a family of four in the economy Hotel Santa Fe to 1,600 francs in the hunry-class Victorian-styled Disneyland Hotel overlooking Main Street USA.

The resort's top three restaurants, the California Grill in the Disneyland Hotel, the Club Manhattan in the New York Hotel and the Steakhouse in the gloomy Festival area next to the park are all offering reduced rate dinners, but at 480 francs a meal they are still expensive. At that price, however, you are at least allowed to imbibe wine, beer and spirituous liquors banned from the theme park.

If you are planning a visit on a Sunday or a weekday, go early to get your money's worth.
The park opens at 10 A. M. and closes at 6
P. M, which will give you less than 15 minutes to visit each attraction, assuming you take an hour for lunch. On Saturdays, it stays open until 9 P. M. From Christmas Day to Jan. 3, the park will remain open from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., with the exception of New Year's Eve, when it will keep going

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L'Accompagnatrice Directed by Claude Miller, France

Miller, who Frenchified Carson

McCullers's The Member of the Wedding" in "L'Effrontee," now has his way with Nina Berberova's novel, transposing the story from post-Revolutionary Russia to occupied France. Sophie (Romane Bohringer), a drab and hungry pianist, ac-companies the brilliant Irene, (Elena Saionova), shadowing her, spying on her loves, picking up her crumbs. Irène's profiteer husband (Richard Bohringer) has his wife perform at Vichy, then changes his mind and oots for exile in London. Miller has a nostalgic take on the Occupation, as if it were a period when style made the man -- collaborators slick their hair back and resistants never shave. This historical-cultural concoction is full of false notes: Bohringer is not playing the piano, Safonova is not singing, Bohringer père plays himself; trapped by the script's stereotypes, none of them gets a chance to act. Which shouldn't prevent those who go to movies to listen to the music from enjoying the Berli-oz, Massenet, Schubert and

(Joan Dupont, IHT) Filrting Directed by John Duigan, Australia.

The Australian writer-director John Duigan continues to show the same mastery of delicate emotional states that he displayed in his previous movie, The Year My Voice Broke." If that film displayed his promise, this one announces his arrival. This brilliant continuation furthers the story of Danny Embling (Noah Taylor), the troubled young hero who now finds himself at a prestigious

boarding school in rural Aus-

tralia, courting a spunky Ugan-dan beauty named Thandiwe (Thandie Newton). Sound old?

Not the way Duigan does it. His

magic touch is a special tone, a

uniquely personal color. With Duigan, what you see at first is

not what you get.
(Hal Hinson, WP)

The vizier and Iago the parrot in "Aladdin."

films give as much offense as possible and make no attempt to find the middle of the road, like this film's subject matter: the mpe of an extremely pretty nun. Imagine a Martin Scorsese who had chosen to make nothing but B movies and you may get some idea of what Ferrara can be capable of. His saving grace is raw talent.



Bad Lieutenant Directed by Abel Ferrara.

Ferrara, whose gleefully down-and-dirty films include "Fear City" and "King of New York," has used. "Bad Licon-tenant," to ask: How bad can a bad cop be? One condition of Ferrara's cuit status is that his

(Janet Maslin, NYT) Directed by John Musker and

Ron Clements. U.S.

The fundamentals of this newest Disney studio animated feature go beyond first-rate: animation both gorgeous and thoughtful, several wonderful songs, a wealth of funny minor figures and Robin Williams as the voice of the Genic. Only when it comes to the basics of the storyline does "Aladdin" encounter any difficulties. It may date back to the early 18th century, but the "Aladdin" story has a 1980s ring. Here is the ultimate get-rich-quick tale of an idle boy (a cute, raffish thief in Disney's modified version) who has the good luck to be designated the only person able

to retrieve a magic, Genic-filled isomp from a cave, (Janet Maslin, NYT)

ARTS



Clockwise from left: "Young Roman Woman" by Liotard, Andy Warhol's serigraph, Etruscan lion head and "Mon Cirque," watercolor by Max Jacob in Paris; Matisse's "Vence Interior" in New York.

28: "Picasso et les Choses." More than 150 paintings, sculptures, drawings and reliefs, focusing on the famous Spanish painter's technique with still lifes. Also, to Dec. 14: "Les Etrusques et L'Europe," The influence of Etruscan civilization on European civilization on European

Musée de Montmartre (tel: 48.06.61.11). To Dec. 13: "Max Jacob: La Passion en Peinture." A retrospective of the poet's work water-

Shim Kunsthelle (tel: 299 88 20). To Feb. 10: "Gabriele Munter." A retrospective of the German peinter,

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AUSTRIA

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Kunsti-laus (tel: 712.0495), To Jan.
31: "Expressionisten." More than
300 Expressionist watercolors, drawings and paintings by artists from the Bracke school, such as Ludwig Kirchner, Erich Heckel and Max Pechstein.

BELGIUM

Musée d'Art Moderne (tel: 508.32,11). To Dec. 13: "L'Avant-Garde en Belgique, 1917-29." Con-centrates on the early activities of the

Selgian Surreelless,
Musée d'Art Ancien (tel:
508,3211). To Dec, 31: "Un Chefd'Oeuvre a la Loupe: Pygmallon, de
Pauf Delvaux." A survey of original
drawings, photos and documents
showing the Belgian Surreellst's cre-

BRITAIN

British Museum (tel: 323.8525). To Jan. 24: "Europeans in Carica-ture: 1770-1830." Intended as a lighthearted contribution to the Euro-pean Arts Festival, the exhibition tocuses on the visual stereotypes that have influenced the way nations view each other.

each other.
Royel Acedemy of Arts (tel; 439.7438). To Dec. 13: "Wisdom and Compession: The Secred Art of Tibet." Tibeten art deting from the 9th century to the present day, includes 160 paintings, sculptures and tapestres. Also, to Dec. 20: "Tom Phillips: Major Works 1970-1992." The retrospective includes painted poems and political metaphors ?? dealing with the 1970s in South Africa and Berlin. Norwich

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts (tel: 592,470). To Dec. 13: "Florentime Drawing in the Age of Michelan-geto." Fitty works by masters of the Renalssance, Including Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael and Vasari. Oxford

Ashmoleen Museum (tel: 278.009). To Feb. 7: "Indian Paintings and Drawings from the Collection of Howard Hodgkin." These works date back to the Mogul period (16th-19th century) and Include themes such as court life, royal portraits, epic scenes and elephant

DENMARK

Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19). To Jan. 3: "Plene Bonnard." Retrospective of the works of the French painter.

FRANCE

Bibliothèqua Nationale (tel: 47.03.81.10). To Jan. 17: "Des Liv-res et des Rols." Fitty-nine rare manuscripts chosen from the li-

manuscripts chosen from the in-brary's collection. Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beeux-Arts (tel: 47.55.50.00). To Dec. 20: "Collection Fondation Peter Stuyvesant: L'Art Actif: Art Works."

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works by Appel, Armen, Vasarely, Warhol, among others.
Grand Palais (tel: 47.22.20.42). To Nov. 29: "Botero." One hundred paintings on builfighting by Colombian artist Fernanco Botero, whose monumental sculptures are presented simultaneously in the gardens of the Champe-Bysees. Also, to Dec. 28: "Picaso et les Choese." More than 150 peintings, sculptures, draw them tell parties at the champe-Bysees. Nagoya Tokugawa Art Museum (tel: 935 62 62). To Nov 29: "Picture Scroll of The Tale of Genji." This national trea-sure produced in the 12th century is only put on view once a year.

Idemitsu Museum of Arts (tel; 245 Asian Art from Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller III's Collection." Seventy masterpleces including Buddhlat Images, pottery and paintings including uddy-e by Utamaro from the American businessments ordered collections.

Kunsthaue (tel: 251,67,55), To Dec. 13: "Gustav Klimt." Exhibition mark-ing the 50th anniversary of the Austri-an Symbolist painter's death.

Museum of Art (tel: 396.7100). To Jan. 17: "Picture Perfect: Icons of Modernism From the Museum of Modern Art, New York." Patrilings and drawings by Cezanne, Picasso. Chagall, Hopper and Pollock and other modern painters.

The Brooklyn Museum (tel: 738.6501). To Jan. 10: "Max Weber: The Cubist Decade 1910-1920."

More than 60 offs, watercolors and pastels of New York cityscapes and

abstract figure studies, created at the apex of the artist's career.

Museum of Modern Art (tel: 708,9480). To Jan. 12: "Henri Matisse: A Retrospective." Full-scale, 400-place retrospective devoted to the popular French master, includes

some of his most important paintings, complemented by a generous selection of sculptures, drawings, paper cutouts and prints.

Norton Simon Museum (tel: 449.6840) To May 9: "Eugene Biery: Views of the French Countryside." Biery and his contemporaries such as Corot, Daubigny and Rousseau were forerunners of the emerging Barbizon School who sought to produce, neturalized landscape, and

duce naturelistic lendscape and

genre subjects by working in attu.

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Musée du Louvre (tel: 40.20.50.50). To Dec. 14: "Desains de Liotard." Drawings, pastels and miniatures by the Swiss artist who traveled in the 19th century from Contribution of the 19th century from Mitsukoshi Museum of Art (tel: 3225-7603). To Dec. 27: "From Rephael to Pissano: Trends of European Landscape paintings." One hundred paintings, Including 28 oils on traveled in the 19th century from Constantinople to Rome, Vienna and Geneva. Also, to Feb. 1: "Le Bruit des Nueges: Parti Pris de Peter Greenaway," Cincest Peter Greenaway, has selected drawings, watercolors and pestels by Goya, Delacrobx, Boudin; Redon, among others, on the theme of flying and fell of man.

NETHERLANDS

Attractions Stedelijk Museum (tel: 573.29.11).
To Jan. 3: "Jeff Koons." A retrospective of the American artist's work, including grotesque objects in porcepeintings and sculptures. Groningen

es letters and manuscripts until his deportation in 1944, with special at-tention given to the artist's Cubist period. Groninger Museum (tel: 183.343). Oct.4To Jan. 10: "New York Graffith Art: Coming from the Subway." Graf-fith as an art has its roots in the early Musée d'Orsey (tel: 42.84.18.34). To Jan. 31: "Sisley." Sorty paintings by Alfred Sisley (1839-1899), focus-ing on his contribution to the birth of '70s. This retrospective exhibit in-cludes Keith Haring and other artists.

SWEDEN

Moderna Museet (tel: 666.42.50).
To Jan. 6: "Fernand Leger and the Nordic Countries." Works by the French Cubist painter while he was traveling in Scandinavia in the 1920s and 1930s. National Museum (tel: 668,42.50).

To Jan. 6: "Rembrandt and His Age." Works by Rembrandt and his contemporaries in different media.

SWITZERLAND

The Irish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666). To Feb. 14: "Richard Hamilton: A Retrospective." A selec-tion of paintings, reliefs and mixed Musée de l'Elysée (tel: 817.48.21). To Jan. 17: "Werner Pawlok: Trans-

By Roger Collis

HE race is on among Asian airlines HE race is on among Asian airlines to sign up business travelers in frequent flier programs. Since Qantas launched its Frequent Flyer about a year ago in response to gathering competition from megacarriers like United and Northwest Airlines, conservative airlines, which have worked to stem the spread of FFPs in the region, are now being forced to respond with similar programs.

Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Ma-

Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, Ma-laysia, and Thai International are negotiating a joint FFP, whereby mileage can be earned and redeemed for free travel on any

The Prequent Traveler

partner airline. According to an SIA spokes man in Singapore, this could be launched by mid-1993, with eventual participation by half e dozen regional carriers, including Gar-uda, Philippine Airlines and China Airlines.

Mileage counting among travelers in the Asian/Pacific region seems sure to become as much of an addiction as it is in North America, and more recently, in Europe.

Since American Airlines introduced the

first FFP in 1981 in the wake of U.S. deregulation, they have become acknowledged as one of the most potent marketing ideas of all time — a global phenomenon. There are about 80 million FFP memberships in the U.S. alone.

The biggest program is American AAdvan-tage with 19 million: United is second with around 15 million MileagePlus members. A typical mileage junkie may belong to half a ozen FFPs.

Travelers carn free flights and upgrades especially valuable if your company has relegated you for economy reasons to the back of the plane. Mileage that can be earned on long trans-Pacific flights means you get the sixth

fers." Photos by this German photog-rapher who practiced what he himself called "photography painting." round trip free. According to the London-based analysts Martigny
Fondation Pierre Gianadda (tel: 223.978). To Jan. 24: "Ben Nicholson." A retrospective inctuding more than 50 peintings, reliefs and wood carvings by the English artist.

Zurieth Business Travel Monitor, more than 40 percent of Australian intercontinental travelers are members of United's MileagePlus plan. A recent IATA survey of trans-Atlantic travel-ers found that 21 percent of those flying business class had chosen that ardine because

of its frequent flier program.

The current FFP fever in the Asian/Pacific region is a reflection of what happened in Europe the year before when American, United and Delta really started promoting their trans-Atlantic routes with frequent flier programs at the forefront of their marketing grams at the foretront of their marketing plans, British Airways was quick off the mark with Latitudes FFP in April 1991, which was followed by KLM (Flying Dutchman); SAS (Eurobonus); Air France (Frequence Plus), Austrian/Swissair (Qualiflyer); Alitalia (Club Ulisse); Iberia (Iberia Plus) and SAS (Euro-Bonus); have rolled out FFPs during the last few months.

Houston
Museum of Fine Arts (tel:
526.1361). To Nov. 29; "Jacob Lawrence: The Frederic Dougless and
Harriet Tubman series of Narrative
Paintings." More than 60 paintings
created between 1938 and 1948 by
one of the most important AfricanAmerican artists of the century. Several European carriers now market their FFPs in the Asia/Pacific region, putting more pressure on airlines in the region to start their



Asia Frequent Flier Plans Take Off

own FFPS or link up with other schemes. British Airways is absorbing its Latitudes FFP into the BA Executive Club, which will be available to residents in both Asia and the United States; Club Ulisse has been launched in Hong Kong; Air France is extending Frequence Plus country by country; and SAS launched EuroBonns in Asia/Pacific a month ago. Virgin Atlantic's Freeway program has a joint deal with Cathay Pacific: fly business class with Cathay between Los Angeles and Tokyo, and you get a free business-class ticket with Virgin between Los Angeles and London. Or vice versa. Or fly Virgin business class

Tokyo and get e free economy ticket. Why have the Asia/Pacific carriers been so slow to get into the act? Most have relied on their high standards of quality and service, although they are often partners in a North American FFP for accumulating mileage and using awards. Cathay, Qantas and Singapore Airlines, for example, are partners in American's AAdvantage program; and All Nippon Airways have a tie-in with SAS.

Traditionally, Asian/Pacific (and Europe-an) airlines have sought to capture the loyalty of frequent fliers through executive clubs, membership of which depends on how much you spend or how many times you fly. They typically have several hierarchical levels, with elaborately graduated benefits such as the run of an airport lounge, priority checkins, priority in getting wait lists, toll-free unlisted reservation numbers, extra baggage allowance, hotel and car rental discounts, gifts, and all kinds of special offers.

Cathay, for example, has its Marco Polo club; Japan Airlines operates its Global Club for international business passengers, and Malaysia Airlines operates an Esteemed Traveler program. To join you must fly upwards of 30,000 miles s year with that airline.

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Asia/Pacific and European airlines have typically developed fully-fledged FFPs by folding in the benefits of the executive clubs—they tend to be more specifically targeted toward business travelers paying full fare rather than the general catch-all approach of most North American FFPs. U. S. airlines are adopting ideas from the Asian/Pacific-European frequent flier executive club tradition through "elite" or "premium" levels (usnally 25,000-60,000 miles a year) by giving recognition and preferential service, ing recognition and preferential service, along with free travel awards, to very frequent fliers. With American AAdvantage, for instance, 25,000 miles brings gold, and 50,000 miles platinum status.

Qantas allegedly broke an unspoken agree-ment among Asian/Pacific airlines when it launched its Qantas Australian FFP across its entire network, rather than restricting it to the Australian/U.S. markets. But competitive pressure forced the issue.

IR New Zealand followed Oantas in May with its Air Points FFP. Points can be credited for free travel or upgrading. For example, an Auckland-Los Angeles trip earns a trans-Tasman upgrade; business class Auckland-London round-trip earns an economy round-trip to any Australian or Pacific Islands destination.

For most Asia/Pacific travelers it usually makes sense to concentrate your mileage on two or three programs. Look for carriers serv-ing your favorite hubs. And decide whether you are prepared to change the airline you normally fly for the sake of an FFP award.

Look for Promotions

Do look for FFP promotions: triple and even quadruple miles, plus short-term tie-ins with other airlines, car rental firms and hotels. Be ready to change the airline you fly on to reap rewards.

Check the Purpose

Do bear in mind what you want out of an FFP. If your goal is to take the family on vacation you want a FFP that has companion tickets, that lets you fly kids to visit from college in the States. Upgrades may be important,

Residence Requirements Don't forget to check if there are

residence requirements for enrollment and redemption. And there may be time limits for redemption.

Multiple Plans

Don't restrict yourself to one FFP. Some travelers belong to half a dozen.

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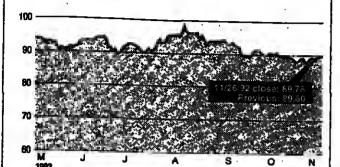
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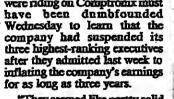
By Adam Bryant New York Times Service

EW YORK - Until this week, the report cards on Comptronix Corp., an electronics company in Gunters-ville, Alabama, glowed with praise. The company's prospects in an expanding high-technology niche were judged most promising. To those who made it their business to know the company, its top executives appeared focused and aware of the challenges they faced to maintain its heady growth.

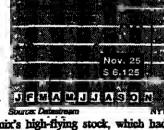
As recently as Tuesday, a Merrill Lynch analyst, Melinda Reach,

rated the company above average.

But Ms. Reach and countless others whose money and reputation were riding on Comptronix must have been dumbfounded Wednesday to learn that the



"They seemed like pretty solid citizens to me," Ms. Reach said.



The disclosure sent Comptronix's high-flying stock, which had closed Tuesday at \$22, into a nosedive in over-the-counter trading Wednesday. It phinged as low as \$3.75 a share before ending the day at \$6.125. The stock market was closed Thursday for Thankagiving. Comptromix is the latest addition to a list of companies that have Comptromx is the latest addition to a list of companies that have been found within the last year to be purveying scriously inaccurate financial information. Phar-Mor Inc., a drugstore chain in Youngstown, Ohio, filed for bankruptcy in mid-Angust and accusations by the company that the co-founder had embezzled money. And a year ago, the founder and chairman of Cascade International, a retail chain based in Boca Raton, Florida, vanished after a few analysts questioned the accuracy of his company's financial statements.

But someone who was either very lucky or in the know apparent-

ly profited from heavy trading this week in Comptronix put options, which are bets that a stock's price will fall. A series of trades Tuesday and Wednesday, if made by the same buyer or buyers, resulted in profits of \$368,750 on an original investment of \$21,250. The Pacific Stock Exchange, where the options are traded, said it had completed an investigation that it forwarded to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Until Wednesday, long-term investors in the company were profit-

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Oil Talks Stumble, **Prices Fall**

OPEC Ministers Far From Unity

VIENNA — OPEC talks ap-peared near deadlock on Thursday and oil prices tumbled as the cartel struggled to reconcile competing demands to sell more oil within an output ceiling low enough to push

Dissension is so great that some ministers at the twice-yearly conference wondered whether any eventual deal setting new production levels would be supported by all members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. "I'm not sure the 13 members will join the agreement," one senior

oil minister said. World oil prices, aheady down 10 percent since mid-October on fears of excess OPEC production, dropped to a seven-month low as traders feared that the group would fail to produce a credible deal and

continue to pump at will.

January prices for the international benchmark crude, North Sea
Brent Blend, fell 43 cents, to \$18.75
per barrel, as ministers said the group still had many differences. Oil Minister Hacene Mefti of Algeria said that a full agreement was unlikely soon. Asked if OPEC was having problems setting a total out-put ceiling or individual member shares, Mr. Mefti said, "Both."

Iran and Nigeria are pressing for higher sales, while Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer, is reportedly reluctant to cut output.
Oil Minister Ali Ahmed Baghli of Knwait said ministers were wrestling with several output ceilings ranging from 24.5 to 24.8 million barrels per day for the first three months of 1993.

That figure would represent a cut of about 500,000 barrels a day from Western estimates of current OPEC production, the minimum amount some analysts believe is necessary to ratchet oil prices back up.

All members agree that OPEC must reduce the flow to bolster shaky prices. But no one wants to make the first or deepest cut.

tion of five young executives to senior vice president. Analysts predicted that one of the "The big countries will have to cut," Mr. Baghli said.

The Political Story on the Franc

By Jacques Neher Special to the Herald Tribune PARIS — The French govern-

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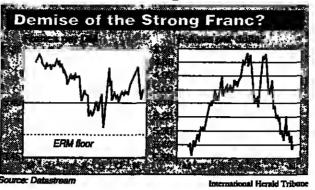
ment insisted Thursday that the franc was strong and stable, put-ting its faith in Germany and equating the defense of the currency against speculators with a battle to save European economic and monetary union.

But many economists and other analysts are not so sure. Some now believe political pressures may overwhelm economic fundamentals and lead to a devaluation of the franc or its suspension from the European currency grid
— moves that would effectively destroy the tattered European Monetary System. The franc, which earlier this

week came under fire for the second time since the summer, had recovered to around 3.39 to the Deutsche mark on Thursday, comfortably clear of its 3.4305 floor set by the rules of the EMS's exchange-rate mechanism.

The franc eased to 5.4450 to

the dollar in London trading. from 5.4370 on Wednesday. The dollar was also stronger against the mark, at 1.5955 DM after



1.5875 DM Wednesday, against the Swiss franc, at 1.4328 francs after 1.4245, and against the yen, at 123.955 yen after 123.78. The pound fell to \$1.5205 from \$1.5260.

Paul Horne, economist with Smith Barney in Paris, has just issued a report to clients warning of a 60 percent chance that the franc will be devalued over the next four months. In that event, he said the currency could lose "10-12 percent" of its value against the mark, resulting in a

central rate of around 3.58 francs. Avinash Persaud, senior cur-rency economist with UBS/Phillips & Drew in London, put the chances of France devaluing or suspending the franc from the EMS at 40 percent now, but ris-ing to 50 percent in December if there is no "clear signal" from the

Bundesbank about lower rates. The German central bank on Thursday bypassed an opportumity to come to the rescue of the EMS. Its policy-making council left official rates unchanged, reflecting its priority of maintain-ing a tight credit policy to fight inflation.

In Paris, the finance minister. Michel Sapin, talked down any possible shift in the strong france policy that has been maintained by the government since the mid-1980s. He said: "We are thor-oughly determined to preserve the stability of our currency in close cooperation with our Ger-man friends."

Mr. Sapin said Germany understood economic tensions in Europe, which financial analysts attribute in part to high German interest rates. "Germany is demonstrating, and we will see it in the days ahead, its comprehension," he said.

However, Mr. Home, in his prognosis, said that another at-tack would grow more likely as a result of increasing political in-stability. He pointed to the battle over the U.S.-EC accord on farm subsidies, which the government has threatened to veto if it hecomes part of a final GATT pact, setting the stage for a battle be-

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GATT Sets Year-End Deadline

Negotiators Agree To Restart Talks

GENEVA — The top negotia-tors from 108 nations, brushing aside threats from France to ruin an accord on international commerce, agreed Thursday to aim for a new global trade treaty by the end

a new global trade treaty by the end of the year.

The negotiators gave Arthur Dunkel, the director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the go-ahead to relaunch the long-stalled Urugnay Round of talks and approved a time frame set

EC officials gird for a battle over the Community's budget. Page 12.

by Mr. Dunkel that would bring political agreement by Christmas and wrap up details next year.

The talks have been deadlocked for two years by a dispute over the European Community's huge agri-cultural subsidies. That dispute was officially settled between the Community and the United States

But the French government has said it does not accept the accord, under which the Community agreed to cut back farm-support and export subsidies to clear the way for the overall GATT agreement.

Despite France's threat of a veto and mounting protests from farm-ers, EC officials and diplomats say Paris has left the door open to a GATT agreement.

Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy has said he would only consider a veto once a formal document was produced -- in effect a play to but mal GATT document is likely to surface for several months.

On Thursday, Mr. Bérégovoy told the French Senate that he could not accept an EC Commis-sion report stating that the EC-U.S. farm-trade deal was within the bounds of this year's overhaul of EC farm policy.
France has insisted that last

May's overhaul of the Common Agricultural Policy should be the

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Shake-up Is Latest Sign of Change at IBM

By John Burgess

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — In late October, one day before IBM was set to roll out an important new line of personal computers, the team that designed them got some disheartening news: IBM's rival, Compaq Computer Corp., had just staged a preemptive strike, lowering prices on its competing products.
In ensuing hours, something uncharacteristic

happened at IBM, a company normally as fleetfooted as a Soviet ministry. The PC team met hurriedly, recalculated costs and cut their prices to match Compaq's, They telephoned newspapers to change the dollar figures in full-page advertisements and the next morning an-nounced the machines on schedule.

Then they told their boss of the changes.
Move quickly, take responsibility. That is
the mantra these days at International Business Machines Corp. One year ago the company began a concerted drive to thin its ranks, break itself into a confederation of 13 lean, semiindependent units and prosper again in a mar-

ket that was eating it alive.
On Wednesday, IBM announced another major step in its attempted rebirth, the promoF. Akers.

These five people have been anointed in effect as the senior management team of the future," said Sam Albert, a former executive of

IBM is changing, everyone agrees. The trou-ble is that to date, the new ways have made hardly a dent in the company's woes. IBM's stock has plummeted from a high of \$137 in early 1991 to its current \$65 range. The company continues to bleed money, posting a \$2.8 billion loss in the third quarter.

The computer giant is staggering under twin blows: recession and the emergence of new competitors and technologies.

IBM also faces another fundamental, longterm challenge. As one of the few computer companies that sells everything from powerful mainframes to PCs, it increasingly finds its varied products competing with one another. This is because small, desktop machines are gaining the power to do work once reserved for riant mainframes.

Management pledges that the company, still the world's largest computer maker, is on the road to winning back leadership and stable profits. Much of Wall Street remains skeptical.

"It's still wait and see," said John Jones, an IBM-watcher at Salomon Brothers Inc. Mr. Akers remains firmly at the helm. De-

spite continuing losses, he appears to retain the confidence of his board of directors. There is no evidence of a directors' revolt of the type that recently drove General Motors Corp.'s chief executive, Robert C. Stempel, from his job. "They're sullen, but not mutinous," said

Howard Anderson, managing director of Yan-kee Group, a Boston consulting firm.

But management cannot count forever on a free hand. The Washington-based United Shareholders Association is promoting resolvtions by which owners of IBM stock would vote to create a committee of independent directors, which among other things would study selling off some IBM divisions. Once a towering symbol of American techno-

logical preeminence, IBM was humbled dra-matically in the late 1980s. Nimble competitors grabbed most of the fastest-growing part of the market, personal computers. At the same time, demand for IBM's most profitable items, large systems such as mainframes, went limp as insti-tutions switched to smaller machines. Mr. Akers's rejuvenation plan attempts to

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${m Nomura}$ to ${m Reimburse}$ Losses on Risky Bonds

By Paul Blustein

Co., which is struggling to regain the confidence of Japanese inves-tors following a stock-market collapse and a major financial scan-dal, said Thursday that it intended to pay about \$185 million to 14,300 people who lost money in Normabacked real estate investments.

Nomura, the world's largest brokerage firm, said it would make the payments because its salesmen did not properly explain the risks of the investments, which involved big buildings in New York and Chicago.

The case was sort of a securities accident, as customers were not fully informed," Yasuhiro Mizunchi, the company's vice president, said. Accordingly, "we want to compensate for the losses."

The development comes amid re-peated setbacks for Nomara and other Japanese brokers, which are soffering from the depressed To-kyo stock market and the lingering impact of last year's scandals. Along with most Japanese securities companies, Nomura was found to be using accounting tricks to funnel large sums to big institu-tional clients who had lost money on their stock investments.

Thursday's announcement, which involves a pledge to pay little guys, not big players, seemed to be in keeping with a new effort by Nomara to win back customers "I think this is kind of a symp-

ra had simply made a "wise choice" in avoiding what might have been an ugly scene over the investments The investments involved several hundred million dollars worth of bonds, backed by U.S. real estate, sold to investors in 1989 and 1990. Investors were told that the bonds had a chance of appreciating but

they were not properly told that the bonds also had a chance of losing much of their value, Nomura ac-Since the bonds have in fact fallca in value along with the U.S. real estate market, Nountra will buy the bonds back for what the investors

paid for them, The buyback must be approved by the Finance Ministry, which is reportedly investigating to see if

Nomura broke any laws. ■ Prudential Japan Layoffs
Prudential Securities (Japan) Ltd.
said it had laid off 40 employees as part of efforts to shift the center of

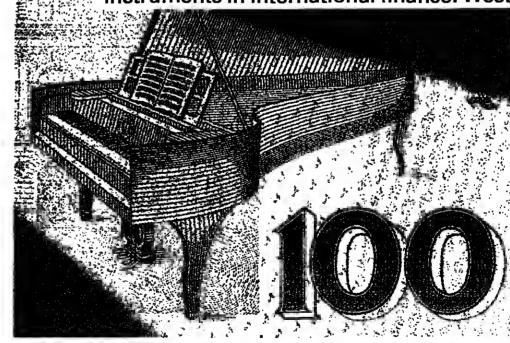
its business away from Japanese stock sales, Bloomberg Business

A sharp decline in equities volume is behind the move. Production Japan's new focus may include U.S. mortgage backed and asset-backed securities, commodities and foreign exchange, said James M. Walsh, president and regional director.

News reported from Tokyo.

Weatington Post Service TOKYO — Nomura Securities cia Ogawa, a Salomon Brothers analyst who follows the Japane financial industry. She added, however, that Nome

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EC Girds for Budget Battle

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS - EC foreign and finance ministers on Friday will get down to hard bargaining over the European Community's future budget, an issue intimately linked with efforts to revive

With the EC summit in Edinburgh only two weeks away, some diplomats promised "blood on the carpet" as ministers try to agree on revenue and spending plans for the rest of the decade.

Other diplomats said that various problems weighing on the Community, from turbulence in the currency markets to the uncertain progress of the Maastricht treaty, would also feature strongly

"A lot of governments are weak. No one has much room for maneuver," one diplomat said. The EC farm commissioner, Ray MacSharry, on Thursday chided the 12 member nations for not making the decisions that are needed, leaving Europe economically and politically rudderless.

In an unusually blunt speech in Dublin, he said the EC governments lacked the political will "to take the necessary decisions, explain those decisions and implement the change and renewal which is required."

Thus, be added, "there is throughout Europe, drift, postponement of hard decisions and surrender to determined sectional interests at the expense of the more general interest."

For weeks, national governments have been staking out apparently inflexible negotiating positions on the so-called Delors II package, an ambitious plan by the EC Commission president, Jacques Delors, to shape EC finances until 1999.

In earlier discussions, some countries including Germany, France and Britain have described the Delors plan as too ambitious, while the four poorest countries - Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland — say it does not go far enough.

The Delors plan seeks to expand the Community's financial resources to 1.36 percent of collective gross national product from 1.2 percent now.

Germany, France and Britain, facing economic belt-tightening at home, argue that the current level should be frozen until 1995, while the poorer countries are worried by attempts to water down plans for a doubling of a so-called cohesion fund.

This fund, a key element in the Delors peckage, would aim to narrow wealth gaps between EC member states while they follow economic convergence plans on the way to monetary union.

With recession biting hard in most Community countries and EC unemployment approaching II percent British has agreed to a discussion at Edinburgh of ways to simulate growth. But British officials said it was well down the agenda compared with items such as EC financing and Maastricht. (Reuters, AP)

IBM: New Executives Lead a More Nimble Company

recast IBM as 13 semiautonomous units, whose leaders confer with headquarters on only the biggest decisions. From top to bottom, IBMers are being told to make decisions on their own and live with the consequences.

This summer, the company formed IBM Personal Computer Co. to link many PC operations that had operated separately. Symbolically, and for practical reasons, the unit is scrapping IBM's traditional straight-laced dress code. On Fridays, the PC team shows up in the jeans and sports shoes common everywhere else in the PC industry. Plans call for casual dress to be officially sanctioned all week. In recent months, it has brought out new cut-rate lines of desktop machines and portable "note-

"We're now moving at the pace the industry's moving —or faster," said James A. Cannavino, head of IBM's desktop systems business and one of the new senior vice presidents Mr. Cannavino claims the market is responding well. Oc-Inber, be said, was the biggest PC sales month in IBM's history.

Many IBM employees say things are different, too, in their corners of the \$65 billion-a-year company. Michael Braun, IBM's No. 2 executive in "multimedia" computer products, which handle sound and video as well as text and graphics, said be is now free to buy components from other companies if he doesn't like what IBM offers.

But most outside analysts still would like to see things move quicker. For example, although IBM christened its PC operation a company," it lacks its own sales force, board of directors and legal

Many analysts also remain skep-tical that IBM has solved a fundamental problem of slow growth in sales of mainframe computers.

Mr. Anderson of Yankee Group said IBM's makeover is just getting started. By 1995, he predicted, many parts of the company will be spun off to outside investors, with IBM retaining a stake. "I see IBM m as many as 200 separate strategic alliances," be said. "IBM stops being a company as we know it, and starts to be a brand."

Venture in Flat Screens

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches EINDHOVEN, Netherlands -Philips Electronics NV said Thursday it had agreed with Thomson Consumer Electronics and Sagem International SA of France to set up a joint venture in make active-

matrix liquid crystal displays. Philips will own 80 percent of the venture and the others will own 10 percent each. Philips also will take a 10 percent stake in the Thomson unit, Thomson LCD.

The participants said they would benefit from pooling knowledge, fi-nance and research and development. They also aim to gain a broader market base because the parent companies are also users of displays, which are used in laptop computers and are expected to be a key component of flat-screen televisions.

Philips will contribute its Flat Panel Display business group, its pilot plant and a mass-manufactur-ing facility that is under construction in Findhoven. The pilot plant currently employs 450 workers.

Sagem's participation will allow the venture to eventually use the 2s3s TNT technology, which has been patented by France Telecom's Centre National d'Emdes des Telecommunications.

The new venture will start operations from Jan. 1, with deliveries beginning later in the year. No financial details were given, except that sales are expected to be

m the hundreds of millions of guil-The participants also have agreed to form a research-and-dedopment consortium, together

with the France Télécom center and other unidentified firms, to support the development of materials and production equipment for active matrix displays.

The program has been presented to the EC Commission for support under the Esprit III program. (Reuters, AFX)

Philips Sets Steel Slump Drags Thyssen Net Lower

BONN - The German steel and engineering group Thyssen AG said Thursday that 1991-92 group net profit had fallen 33 percent, to 350 million Deutsche marks (\$219.5 million), as a steep decline in steel earnings more than offset higher earnings from its other business. Thyssen also said it would slash

the dividend for the year ended Sept. 30 to 6 DM from 10 DM. Group sales fell to 35.8 DM from 36.6 billion DM. Orders on hand dropped to 13.2 billion DM from 14.6 billion a year earlier.

The results were not as bad as the stock market had expected and Thyssen shares rose to 161.50 DM n Frankfurt before closing at 158.00 DM, up from 154.90 on Wednesday.

The results were better than I had expected," said Petra Kuehi, analyst at Vereins- & Westbank in Hamburg. "The dividend also indicates that Thyssen expects the current year to be not so bad." Industry analysts had expected 1991-92 group net to plunge as low as 190 million DM and the divi-

dend to be halved to 5 DM per Thyssen said its steel and spe-cialty-steel businesses had deterio-

benchmark for any deal with Washington. Mr. Beregovoy has

said consistently he believed the

accord announced last Friday over-

But there were signs of a warm-

ing between the French govern-

ment and the commission, which

issued its report after a meeting on

"What it says is much more rea-

sonable than the initial statements we heard," Mr. Bertgovoy said.

Wednesday.

earnings from the capital-goods and manufacturing division as well as from trading and services contimed to rise. In Western Europe, steel prices have crumbled because of overcapacity, a price war in structural steel caused by cheap imports from Eastern Europe and fewer orders for flat products used in the weakened car industry.

rated further in the last year, but

Thyssen said the situation in the steel market had become more difficult over the last few months as a result of declines in global investment and a continuing decline in automobile demand. Efforts by other companies to step into the market via subsidies and other protectionist measures were adding to

■ Hoesch Closings

Hoesch Stahl AG said Thursday that it planned to halt production at its plants from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4, Bloomberg Business News reported from Dortmund.

A company spokesmen said the long Christmas holidays would affect about 5,000 employees in all Hoesch plants. The works council must agree to the measure, the

France asked the EC Commis-

sion on Thursday to take unprece-

dented steps to protect banana pro-

dueers in France's Caribbean

islands of Guadeloupe and Marti-

nique, the French overseas territo-

Jean-Louis Le Penser said France

asked the commission, the EC exec-

utive body, to implement a "safe-guard clause" on Cameroon and

Ivory Coast that would effectively

exclude Cameroon and Ivory Coast

bananas from France by a system of

import licenses, an official said.

ries minister said.

Very briefly:

Neclioyd Groep NV now expects to post a net loss for 1992 despite previous forecasts of a modest net profit, but expects the result to be considerably better than its 117 million guilder (\$65.5 million) loss in

Investor's Europe

 Anglo American Corp.'s equity-accounted earnings dropped 13 percent
to 1.1 billion and (\$368 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30, due to
problems at its coal division and lower earnings at associate companies
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profit for the 10 months to Oct. 31 rose 20.5 percent to 276 million Deutsche marks (\$1.73.8 million), led by strong commission income. Metro Gruppe Deutschland said it would sell 1.2 billion DM worth of tail assets to comply with the Federal Cartel Office's conditions on its takeover of ASKO Deutsche Kanflians AG.

 Matra will sell its 35 percent stake in the auto-parts maker Ulima to Fist
 SoA, whose Magneti Marelli unit owns the other 65 percent; in return
 Matra will get 13.72 percent of the gas-turbine and car-equipment maker Labiast and 40 million French france (\$7.4 million) in cash.

place early next year, Hervet's current capital is 1.52 billion franca. Briffish Aerospace PLC said City Air Scandinavia had ordered five RJ 85 aircraft worth \$140 million for delivery from 1994 through 1995. Resters, AFP, AFX, AP, Bloc

FRANC: Political Considerations May Create Pressure for Devaluation mechanism is more likely than de-

(Continued from first finance page) tween France and the rest of the

Other factors, he said, are legislative elections in March and growing pressure from some industry leaders and conservative politicians for France to abandon

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the strong franc policy to regain competitive trade advantage. valuation. Without a strong sign from the Bundesbank that lower

spective, there is no reason for a rates are on the way, he said, the devaluation," Mr. Horne said, "But Irish punt and Danish krone would political concerns may come to outrisk coming under "very intense weigh the economic performance." and speculative pressure," In Mr. Persand's scenario, sas- to the krone's suspension, "This pension of the franc from the rate would be followed by the suspen-

sion of the franc," he forecast. He said snch a saspensian "would be the death knell" for the BARING MUTUAL FUND MANAGEMENT S.A. EMS, which would become "an empty hulk made up of the Deut-Registered Office: Luxembourg, 13, rue Goethe sche mark and its satellines."

> Though Mr. Sapin on Thursday maintained that defense of the EMS is an "absolute political priority" for France in order to prepare economic and monetary union, Mr.

arguments could equally be made for abandoning a system that has become "perverse," Other economists, however, see little likelihood of the franc's devalnation or suspension.

"My gness is that the pressure has come off and that dealers will get fed up trying to push it," said Nigel Rendell, currency analyst with James Capel in London. Reza Lahidgi, economist with

Banque Indosucz in Paris, said there was "no chance of a devaluation because there is no economic justification." He predicted that the turmoil on the farm-subsidies issue would likely be resolved by the Community granting France Revenue was said to have surged 37 some special compensation. They percent, to \$101.2 million.

SURPRISE: Comptronix Deflated

GATT: Pact Sought by Year-End

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(Continued from first finance page) ing handsomely. Comptronix went public in 1989 and was trading at \$2.75 a share at the end of 1990. Demand for products like

Comptronix's — which include electronic circuit boards used in everything from medical CAT scan machines to personal computers was rising at roughly 18 percent a year. And orders were growing from the many Fortune 1000 castomers that increasingly subcontract their manufacturing needs.

In the first nine months of 1992, the company reported profit of \$5.32 million, up 63 percent from the comparable period last year,

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

bers crumbled when the top three executives — William J. Hebding, chairman and chief executive; Allen L. Shifflett, president, and Pani last week that they had improperly valued assets and either oversta sales or understated costs. Such was the account offered

Wednesday by the company's in-terim chamman, E. Townes Duncan, a venture capitalist who owns about 4 percent of Comptronix's Mr. Hebding last Friday filed his

intent to sell 100,000 shares, or 15 percent of his holdings. This sing-mer, he and Mr. Shiftlett each sold 50,000 shares for \$737,500. The company has appointed Ar-

Finanziaria SpA, the holding company for Montedison, a spokesman said. The changes are effective Jan. 1.

Both Montedison's and Ferruzzi's stock rose Thursday after news reports

down debt: Montedison said its board lead discussed "important negotia-tions in course with interphilicant and mational partners."

founded the family's agro-industrial business, and is the largest shareholder in Ferruzzi Finanziaria: Mr. Sama is married to one of Arturo's two sisters: ther Andersea & Co. to investigate The other sister is married to Raul Gardini, who managed the family's

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Merck AG's consolidated operating profit in the nine months to Sept. 30 fell 9.5 percent to 220 million Swiss francs (\$154.2 million) as a result of slower business and currency-market turbulence in the third quarter.

Crédit Commercial de France will acquire a 12.5 percent stake in the state-owned Basque Hervet through a capital increase expected to take

Ferruzzis Extend Sway at Montedison

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatchet.

MILAN — Arturo Ferruzzi will replace Ginseppe Garofano as presi-ent of Montedison SpA, the food and chemical group said Thursday, Carlo Sama will replace Mr. Garofano as chief executive of Ferruzzi

that Montedison would sell assets to raise 6 trillion fire (\$4.4 billion), to pay

Arturo Ferruzzi is the oldest son of the late Serafino Ferruzzi, who

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· Profit Falls For Japan **Electricals**

TOKYO — Clobbered by Japan's economic crunch and a slump in demand, Hitachi Ltd. Toshibe Corp. and Mitsubishi Electric Corp. aunounced big drops in half-year group profits on Thurs-day and said the hard times were not about to end.

Hitschi's group pretax profit phanged 52 percent to 112.92 billion yen (\$910 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30. Sales slumped 4 percent to 3.76 trillion yen.

The company lowered its forecast for group pretax profit for the year to 260 billion yen from 315 billion yen. Pretax profit the previous year was 374.88 billion yen. "Sales won't increase for the next." three or four years, and profits will stay at the same level," said Nobuji Kamachi, a Hitachi senior execu-

tive managing director.

Toshiba's pretax profit fell 41 percent to 36.84 billion yen for the half. Sales declined marginally, to 2.26 trillion yen from 2.29 trillion yen the previous year. The company raised its forecast for 1992-93 pretax profit to 85 billion you from 80 billion, but even that will be well below 1991-92 pretax profit of 114.86 billion yes

Mitsubishi Electric's half-year pretax profit plunged 67 percent to 26.99 billion yen, as sales fell 4 percent to 1.52 trillion yen. It cut its group pretax profit forecast for 1992-93 to 74 billion yen, from 95 billion. Profit was 108.39 billion

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Japan's big chipmakers are boosting memory production be-cause of increased demand from the U.S. PC market and a U.S. antidumping decision against South Korean makers.

Fujitsu Ltd., NEC Corp., Hita-chi and Toshiba will all raise their production of DRAMs, or dynamic random-access memory chips.

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Hangover Forecast for Japan

By Carl Gewirtz nal Herald Tribuu

PARIS — Japan's recovery from the excesses of the late 1980s boom is expected to be slow at best, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Thursday.

Its annual economic survey projected growth of around 2.5 percent next year and 3.5 percent in 1994—below a potential growth rate estimated to be around 3.75 percent. And even that outlook is fraught with uncertainties.

The major risk is that business spending, expect

The major risk is that business spending, expected to fall 10.4 percent in the fiscal year that ends March 31, may not pick up as expected.

The study noted that during the 1980s, Japanese industry was able to afford a spending spree because its cost of capital was about 4 percentage points lower than in the United States. Largely due to the subsecurior in the subsecurior to the subsequent halving of Japanese stock prices, the real cost of equity is now 2.25 percentage points higher than in the United States.

The higher costs of capital and lower corporate profits "make the depth and length of the downturn in business fixed investment difficult to predict," the study said.

The study also cited a risk that soured loans could prevent banks from expanding their loan portfolios. Although the central bank could try to offset the problem by easing credit, lower interest

Such a development could only inflame protectionist sentiment outside Japan. The OECD forecast that with the yen at 126.7 to the U.S. dollar the level when the report was written — the already

has trade surplus was expected to climb 11 per-cent to \$152 billion next year.

The OECD predicted that the huge surplus would drive up the value of the yen against the dollar and European currencies. Nevertheless, the study said the government should run the risk of a weaker yen if domestic conditions warrant lower interest rates. It said that setting monetary policy so as to underpin domestic demand "is in the interest of both Japan and its trading partners."

The report also said that "sustainable growth requires further substantial structural change" in Japan's "extensive government regulations."

Profits Dive at Japan's Big Banks

TOKYO — Japan's top commercial banks, hit by a surge in loan write-offs and losses on securities holdings, on Thursday announced steep de-clines in first-half profits and slashed their fore-

casts for the year. Led by Fuji Bank Ltd., whose pretax profit in the six months to Sept. 30 suffered the sharpest fall—of 72 percent — nine of the 11 so-called city banks suffered declines of 25 percent or more. Aggregate pretax profits at the banks fell 37 percent from a

year earlier, to 505 billion yen (\$4.1 billion). The banks, which rank among the world's largest lenders, said capital losses on equity holdings rose to 417.5 billion yen, from 185.8 billion a year earlier. Bad debt write-offs rose to 290.1 billion yen from 124.8 billion, and may only get worse. "With corporate profitability flagging, we believe that bank asset-quality problems are set to worsen further with the economic slowdown," said David

Atkinson of Goldman Sachs in a recent report.

The Finance Ministry said that, including the three long-term credit banks that were to report earnings Friday, Japan's 21 top banks at the end of September had 1,23 trillion yen (\$100 billion) in

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, the world's largest in terms of outstanding loans, said pretax profit fell

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53.6 percent to 46.35 billion yen. "I think we've cleared the peak with problem loans," said Toshi-kuni Shinohara, deputy general manager, "but I

can't say for sure." Saving the banks' bottom lines was a fall in Japan's short-term interest rates, which reduced the banks' cost of funds and boosted profit margins on loans to clients. Aggregate operating profits, or money made on lending before subtracting problem loans, rose 47 percent to 1.295 million yen.

Osaka-based Sanwa Bank Ltd., Japan's sixthlargest in terms of assets, suffered a relatively modest 20 percent fall in profit, allowing it to eclipse Sumitomo Bank Ltd. as the country's most profitable bank. Profit at Bank of Tokyo Ltd., whose reliance on global operations cushioned the impact of problems at home, fell just 1 percent.

Ten of the 11 banks lowered their earnings forecasts for the year, with the beleaguered Fuj making the sharpest revision, to 60 billion yen from 140 billion. Mitsubishi Bank Ltd., ranked fifth, bucked the trend, making a small upward revision, to 130 billion from 120 billion.

All 11 banks said they achieved the 8 percent international capital-adequacy ratio.

Japan's seven trust banks said pretax profits delived by an appropriate 127

declined by an aggregate of 27 percent to 112 billion yen. (AFP, AFX, Bloomberg)

Packer Stake Puts Pressure on Westpac

SYDNEY - The Australian media tycoon Kerry Packer ended weeks of speculation surrounding Westpac Banking Corp. on Thursday by announcing he had built up an 8.27 percent stake in the trou-

The 434 million Australian dollar (\$299 million) buying spree by Mr. Packer's private company, Consolidated Press Holdings Ltd.,

made the company the second-largest shareholder in Westpac.

The move was welcomed by Westpac and its largest sharehold-er, the Australian Mutual Provident Society. Westpac's chairman, John Uhrig, said that "Mr. Packer will add further stability to the share register."

But some analysts predicted that Mr. Packer would try to increase his influence over Westpac and put pressure on the bank to clean up its act following heavy losses over the past year and a flopped 1.2 billion dollar rights issue in September.

"I would be surprised if it was a passive investment," said Martin Doncan, an analyst at BT Securities. Mr. Duncan said Mr. Packer

million), but did not explain that figure.

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Cheung Kong in Fujian Deal

HONG KONG — Li Ka-shing's flagship Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. has signed a big real estate deal in China's booming Fujian province, the Beijing-funded China News Service said Thursday.

The project aims to redevelop several old districts in the downtown

part of the city of Puzhou with a total area of 600,000 square feet (55,800

square meters). The areas are to be transformed for commerce, tourism,

culture, entertainment and deluxe residential construction within five to

Executives of Cheung Kong, Mr. Li's flagship company, were not available for comment, but China News Service said the deal was signed by the Hong Kong tycoon and Fuzhon officials on Wednesday.

China News Service said the project was worth 3.5 billion yuan (\$633

may seek government permission to lift his stake over the 10 percent

ing that the government previously allowed companies associated with the businessman John Spalvins to buy 15 percent of National Austra-

lia Bank, the country's biggest.

In an announcement to the stock exchange after the market closed, Consolidated Press said Packer-re-lated interests had acquired 80.9 million ordinary shares since June and 64.2 million options to buy shares, all at varying prices.

Most of the buying came in Sep-tember and this week, when Consolidated pushed its stake above the 5 percent level at which disclosure is required.

"We think it is a good company, with great potential," said Consolidated's managing director, Al Dunlap.

Westpac shares closed at 2.99 dollars, up a penny on the day. The shares, which began trading this year at 4.63 dollars, hit a nine-year low of 2,49 on Nov, 9.

The stock has been hammered by concerns about bad debts, mainly on real estate, which forced West-pac to post a 1.56 billion dollar loss in the year that ended Sept. 30.

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 India has given the green light to a National Stock Exchange of India that will function as a model for the 16 existing exchanges. M General Motor Corp.'s joint venture with Hindustan Motors Ltd. to make cars and auto parts has been approved by the Indian government.

N China Airlines, Taiwan's flag carrier, plans to list on the stock market

and make a public offering of shares worth up to 3.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$125 million) early next year.

N The Industrial Technology Research Institute of Taiwan said it had received an order for 382 items of aircraft components from Boeing Co. Brierley Investments Ltd.'s chairman, Bruce Hancox, has been replaced by Bob Matthew, the chairman of Air New Zealand

N Large Japanese retailers' sales fell 2.6 percent in October from a year earlier, to 1.805 trillion yen (\$14.6 billion).

N Yaohan International Group, the Japanese supermarket chain, will open a large-scale distribution center in Shanghai in a joint venture with China Venturetech Investment Corp.

N The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$67.7 million loan to Cambodia, the first multilateral loan to the war-torn country since 1970. AFP, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, UPI

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Oilers Eke Out Victory, Lions Are Turkeys Again

PONTIAC, Michigan — The emotional lift of having Mike Utley

on the sidelines Thursday couldn't save the Detroit Lions from another, fourth-quarter lapse. Lorenzo White's 8-yard touch-

Houston a 24-21 victory over the ference of the National Football

Detroit, helped by a dramatic defensive play by Bennie Blades, had taken a 21-17 lead with only 2:57 left. But the Lions (3-9), who fourth quarter this season, couldn't from Erik Kramer.

four consecutive passes for 75 yards to get the Oilers (7-5) to Detroit's 8. White scored up the middle oo the next play, capping an 83-yard drive that took just five plays.

hold the lead.

Cody Carlson, making his second straight start in place of the Kramer, who completed 12 of 21 passes for 163 yards, with two interceptions, also hooked up with

with four SEC titles and a 99-39-4

Tide Rolling Closer To Bowl Showdown

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama -No. 2-ranked Alabama moved one step closer Thursday to a national college football championship showdown with top-ranked Miami by smothering Auburn, 17-0, in the final game for the Tigers' coach,

Wednesday night after 12 years at Auburn, the last two amid allegations of NCAA rules violations and questions about his health.

The NCAA this month charged the school with nine rules viola-

. The charges stem from highly publicized allegations made by a former player, Eric Ramsey, who charged 14 months ago that he received cash and other illegal benefits from boosters and coaches. Ramsey augmented his claims with a series of secret tape recordings of conversations he had with boosters, assistant coaches and Dye himself.

"I hate to go out like this," Dye said. "T've been playing and coaching since 1952. I guess you're never ready, but it has to end sometime."

Antonio Langham returned an interception 61 yards for a touchdown to break a scoreless tie in the third period. That typified a dominating performance by the Ala-bama defense, which leads the nation in all categories and held Anburn to 20 yards rushing and 139 yards overall.

Alabama (11-0, 8-0 in the South-eastern Conference) will play Ploni-da on Dec. 5 in the first league championship game for the chance to meet Miami in the Sugar Bowl. Auburn (5-5-1, 2-5-1) closed ont the Due cra with its second straight the Dye cra with its second straight season without a winning record.

Dye's players were hoping to send their coach into retirement with his 100th victory at Auburn. Before the game, they walked slowly ooto the field, each holding his elmet defiantly in the air in an apparent show of support.

injured Warren Moon, completed

Utley, the former offensive tackdown run with 1:17 remaining gave le of the Lions whose NFL career was ended a year ago by a paralyz-Lions and kept the Oilers' playoff ing neck injury, was named an hon-bones alive in the American Con-orary captain and took part in the pregame coin toss, It seemed to ive the Lions an emotional lift.

have been outscored by 99-66 in the also caught an 8-yard scoring pass

But Dye will have to he content

record at Auburn. Any emotional edge the Tigers may have had was canceled by a superior opponent. The Tigers stayed even until the After taking the second-half kickoff and driving Auburn to the Alabama 39, Stan White attempted Dye announced his resignation

to throw a quick pass along the left sideline. Langham stepped out to tip the ball — and it came down right in his hands. He ran untouched to the end zone for the only touchdown he and his defensive teammates would need.

Michael Proctor added a 47-yard field goal before the third period was over to make it 10-0. Thirdstring tailback Sherman Williams iced the victory on a 15-yard TD run with 12 minutes remaining after a short punt gave Alabama the

Herman Moore for a 77-yard

But William Fuller scored on a fumble reture for Houston, Haywood Jefferies caught a 4-yard touchdown pass and Al Del Greco kicked a 30-yard field goal before White got the victory for the Oilers.

Carlson completed 24 of 33 passes for 338 yards with two interceptions. The Oilers now are 5-3 in the games he has started over the

Houston led by 17-14 when Blades broke in untouched and tackled the Oilers' punter, Greg Montgomery, at his 13 before he could get the ball off. Three snaps later, with 2:57 left, Kramer found Sanders underneath the Oilers' coverage and Sanders beat Al Smith into the end zone for his first

receiving touchdown of the season.
Jerry Gray picked off Kramer's
pass for Mike Farr on the second
snap of the fourth quarter.
With Carison completing 6 of 7
for 51 yards, the Oilers went 61
yards in nine plays for the go-ahead
touchdown. With a third-and-goal
situation. Carlson rifled a A-yard situation, Carlson rifled a 4-yard scoring strike to Jeffries for a 17-14 lead with 9:44 remaining Fuller's first NFL touchdown,

on B 10-yard fumble return, gave the Oilers a 10-7 lead with 7:14 left in the third quarter. Bubba Mc-Dowell forced the fumble, hitting Kramer just before an attempted

But on the second play after the kiekoff, Kramer and Moore hooked up for a 77-yard touchdown pass play, the longest for ei-ther of them in the NFL. From a second-and-5 at the Lions' 23, Kramer scrambled out of

trouble, then heaved a long pass to Moore, who caught it over Cris Dishman at the Houston 35. Dishman fell down and Moore went into the end zone untouched, giving Detroit a 14-10 lead. Detroit got a 7-0 lead on Sand-

ers' 1-yard touchdown dive over left tackle, his 50th career rushing

Seton Hall And Indiana In NIT Final

NEW YORK - Calbert

Cheaney scored 34 points and Indiana made 10 of 12 free throws in the final two minutes of overtime as the fourth-ranked Hoosiers beat No. 7 Florida State, 81-78, to advance to Friday night's final in the preseason NIT college basketball tournament

Terry Dehere scored 27 points and sixth-ranked Seton Hall closed its game with a 13-4 run to beat No. 21 UCLA, 73-64, in Wednesday night's other semifinal.

The Hoosiers (3-0) won the game but again lost Pat Graham, who missed all of last season with a broken bone in his left foot. X-rays showed the same bone — the fifth metatarsal - broken again.

The junior swingman was the key player for Indiana in the sec-ond half, scoring all 14 of his points in the final 10 minutes of regula-tion. He missed more than a minute when he had to leave the game with a bleeding cut below his left knee, then was carried off the court with 20 seconds left in overtime, after a scramble under the boards.

UCLA tied what had been a on two free throws by Ed O'Ban-non. Jerry Walker hit two free throws with 3:29 left to give Seton Hall the lead, but Mitchell Butter's short jumper tied the game for the final time with 3:09 left.

Dehere scored scored nine of Seton Hall's last 11 points, his 3-pointer with 2:49 giving the Pirates 3-0) the lead for good.

UCLA (2-1) missed two free throws, made one of four shots from the field and committed two turnovers during Seton Hall's final run. The Pirates, meanwhile, made eight of nine free throws. Lither Wright, Seton Hall's 7-foot-2 (2.18-meter) junior center,

had 13 points and 10 rebounds despite sitting out a considerable part of the second half with foul trouble. O'Bannon led UCLA with 16



Kevin Lynch sneaked by Bill Lambeer and Olden Polynice as the Horne's stun the Pistons.

Celtics' Skid **Ends in Rout** Of the Bullets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

The Boston Celtics' six-game losing streak and their worst start since the year before Larry Bird arrived have been taken care of with an old-fashioned blowout.

Behind Reggie Lewis's 29 points on 14-for-17-shooting the Celtis shot 71 percent from the field in the first half and 62 percent for the

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game in a 150-112 rout of the visiting Washington Bullets on Wednesday night.

Boston, which entered the game with a 2-8 record, its worst start since 1978-79, used an

aggressive, fastbreak attack.
"The Celtics played well, but I'd like to come. in here with three of our starters and see how that works," said the Bullets' coach, Wes Unseld. "We had no defense. No chemistry. No

continuity. No nothing."
Washington played without starters Rex.
Chapman, Michael Adams and Pervis Ellison,

It was the ninth time in Celtics' history that they have scored 150 points or better, the last coming in a double-overtime victory over Portland last March 15. It was the first 150-point game in regulation since Boston scored 152 against Indiana on Dec. 26, 1990.

Rookie reserve Don MacLean paced the Bul-

lets with a season-high 24 points.

Suns 121, Trail Blazzas 117: In Phoenix,
Arizona, Charles Barkley scored 33 points and
grabbed 18 rebounds, helping the Suns hand
Portland its first loss of the season. The Trail Blazers entered the game as the NBA's only unbeaten team at 8-0, the second time in three years they have bolted to such a fast start. Bankley converted 12 of 16 shots from the field.

Nets 100, Lakers 98: In Inglewood, California, Drazen Petrovic hit two free throws with 42 seconds left to give New Jersey its first victory at the Forum in 14 years. The Triumph also ended a seven-game losing streak against the Lakers overall.

Hornets 161. Pistons 97: In Detroit, Dell Curry scored 26 points and Larry Johnson, added 22 to lead Charlotte to its fifth consecutive victory. The Pistons, who played without their leading scorer, Joe Dumars, absorbed their aixth loss in a row. Rookie center Alonzo Mourning blocked five shots, pacing a defense that harassed Detroit into 43 percent shooting

Chargers' Defensive Whiz Arnsparger Is as Stingy as Ever

New York Times Service

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SAN DIEGO — Bill Arnsparger, the defensive master of the Miami Dolphins' perfect season 20 years ago, is back working magic on the sidelines in the National Football League.

Since he resigned as athletic director at the University of Florida in January to become the

defensive coordinator of the San Diego Chargers, Arnsparger has become a strong influence in positioning the Chargers for the playoffs for the first

time since the 1982 season. Last Sunday, San Diego defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 29-14, and moved above .500 with a 6-5 record. This week, Amsparger is devising a defensive scheme to stop the 5-6 Los Angeles Raiders, an American Football Conference Western Division rival.

This is an opportunity to go back to the sidelines, which I enjoy," Arnsparger said the other day.
Arnsparger's hair has turned white and his soft
Kentucky drawl matches his grandfatherly features. At 65 years old, the former coach of the New

York Giants smiles at the notion that this joh epresents a new beginning Someone asked me if I felt born again," Arnsparger said. "I told him, 'I didn't know I died."

It is no surprise to Arnsparger fans that he has
taken the Chargers' unit by storm. Last year they ranked 19th in the league in overall defense and 22d against the pass. Through 11 games this season, Arnsparger has brought the unit to third in overall defense, 10th

against the pass and first against the run. "We'd been 0-4," said Bobby Beathard, the

Chargers' general manager, recalling the beginning of the season. "We were floundering. But we had direction."

Beathard and the Chargers' staff, led by the coach, Bobby Ross, have made 16 player changes this year and 38 since Beathard arrived in 1990. When Arnsparger came, he wrote two playbooks, one for a 3-4 front line and one for a 4-3 front. Until then, under the former defensive coordina-

tor, Ron Lynn, the defense had been big-play oriented, attacking at all costs. The Chargers had also been losers, with a 4-12 mark last season.

"We took a look at our people," Amsparger said. "We put them in places where they could be successful and oot ask more of them than what they were capable of giving us. That was our initial

job. That's why we came up with the four-man line as our alignment."

"The whole premise of the NFL," said Gil Byrd, a cornerback who has been with the Chargers for skills in Baltimore, where Don Shula coached the

a cornerback who has been with the Chargers for 10 years, "is to take the good, the great athlete and make it as simple as possible. Some coaches coach too much. Amsparger has kept it basic."

The Chargers' defensive unit, with the average player age of 26.5, has allowed 257.5 yards a game. Their rushing defense has given up a paltry 79.4 e. They are o league history to begin a season 0-4 and win the next four games. Amsparger's explanations for the success of the defense is fundamental to football: team unity.

"Your defense or offense is made up of individuals," Arnsparger explained. "If you have 11 people carrying out those assignments, you have a good chance of making something happen. If your defense is split, a long run will develop; if your coverage is split, a long pass will develop.

"Of course, people are beat individually. But for a person to he beat individually, something else happened up front; for instance, a line that would enable the quarterback to have that much time.

Colts from 1963 through the 1969 season. He then followed Shula to Miama, where he was the architect of the Dolphins' No-Name Defense in the 1970s and later developed the Killer B's in the 1980s. He has coached in five Super Bowls. Amsparger left the Dolphins to become coach of

the Giants in 1974. When he was dismissed after an .

the NFL to become the coach at Louisiana State University, but three years later he moved again, taking over as athletic director at Florida. Arnsparger makes a point of doing it his way. He writes in a daily notebook during practice, refuses

to sleep at the office, encourages other opinions, keeps a weekly tennis match, and is the only coach who spends the night with the players in a hotel before home games.

And, he insists, he won't go back to head coaching. "That's something I don't think about any-

The Chargers' coaching staff is convinced that Arnsparger is in the right place now.

Senators, Rangers Pull Off Surprises

The New York Rangers found a way to win

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in Pittsburgh, and the Ottawa Senators fittally found a way to win anywhere.
"We were a desperate hockey club," Mike Pelaso said after scoring two goals as the expansion Senators beat the visiting New Jersey-Devils, 3-1, Wednesday night.

It was the first point for Ottawa (2-20-1) since a 2-2 tie against Buffalo on Oct. 31 and its first victory since a 5-3 opening-game defeat of Montreal on Oct. 8. The NHL winless record is 30 games, set by Winnipeg in 1980-81.

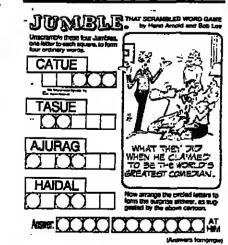
The Rangers became the first NHL team to win in Pittsburgh in 21 regular-season games, routing the Penguins, 11-3. The Penguins had been 18-0-2 in the regular season at the Civic Arona since an 8-4 loss to Hartford on Feb. 27. Darren Turcotte's second goal of the game broke a second-period tie and started an eight-

goal outburst for the Rangers. Adam Graves had three goals, Mark Messier had two goals and three assists and Turcotte had two goals and two assists for the Rangers.

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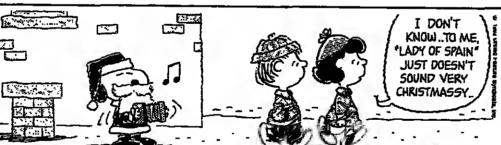
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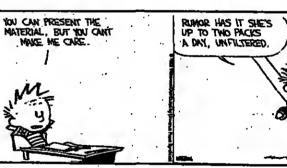




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SPORTS SKIING

Ski Racers Brace for Opening of the Breakneck World Cup Season

By Ian Thomsen nal Harald Tribune

Professional ski racers are almost as crazy as race car drivers. Anyone who requires a heimet to compete in a sport is automatically crazy. Anyone who risks his, or her, health as danger blurs past all around is also automatically cra-

Is this beginning to sound like "Catch-22"

If the fastest racers were ever likely to enforce some self-preserving sanity, and decline to ensome sen-preserving sanity, and decime to en-danger their necks at the cost of a few addition-al milliseconds, then logically that would hap-pen during a post-Olympic year. But not this year. This post-Olympic year happens to also be a pre-Olympic year, with a 1993 World Championship in Japan to be contested in

In the short, blurred, helmeted life of a professional ski racer, these figure to be the most intense, instene, indeed the most intestinallyinuring (have we also mentioned that it's freezing?) three years in the history of the sport.

Although you probably need to have tried it to know for sure.

The World Cup season begins this weekend with men's events in Sestriere, Italy, and women's races in Park City, Utah. Austria's Petr
Kronberger will be trying to win her fourth
consecutive women's overall title, in spite of a
sharp dropoff in victories last season. She, like the men's defending champion, Paul Accola of Switzerland, is favored by versatility. Accola and four-time overall champion Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg — who at 29 is trying to return to form this year — are threats in all four Alpine events.

Once again, the championship is being conceded to their likes by the sport's lone world-wide name, Alberto Tomba of Italy. Tomba won nine races last year, more than Accola, but only in the slalom and giant slalom. Because Tomba declines to race for points in the more dangerous downhill and super-giant slaloms, he has never won the overall crown. Last year, he finished second.

They have dropped one giant slalom and

added two downhills and one super-G," said Tomba at his "State of Alberto" news confer-ence last week. "They are doing all they can so as not to favor me. I can forget the overall title again this season."

Tomba predicted that 21-year-old Kjetil An-dré Aamodt, a double Olympic medalist last season, will contend with Accola and Girardelli

two World Cup victories in 1988-89 to five last

Sweden plans to take its time integrating the phenomenal Tobias Hellman into the World Cup circuit. Nine months ago, he won three gold medals, a silver and a bronze at the World Junior Alpine Ski Championships at Maribor, Slovenia, becoming the first to win five medals

A normal World Cup season would have dangers enough. But this post-Olympic year happens to also be a pre-Olympic year, with a 1993 World Championship in Japan to be contested in between.

for the overall men's championship. With the return of Atle Skaardal, No. 6 overall two seasons ago but injured in a fall at Garmisch, Germany, last January, the Norwegians are peaking toward a proud showing as hosts of the Liffehammer Olympics in 1994. They've im-proved each of the last three seasons, from just

in one meet. The "new Ingemar Stenmark" so nicknamed after the retired Swedish champion of a record 86 World Cup races - injured a knee during preseason training in New Zealand and will miss the opening weekend in Sestriere.
"I don't think it would be fair to let him race the full World Cup schedule this season," said

the new Swedish coach, Jalle Forsmark. "The kid is just 19 and he'll get plenty of chances in the World Cup later this season to race against Tomba and the other guys."

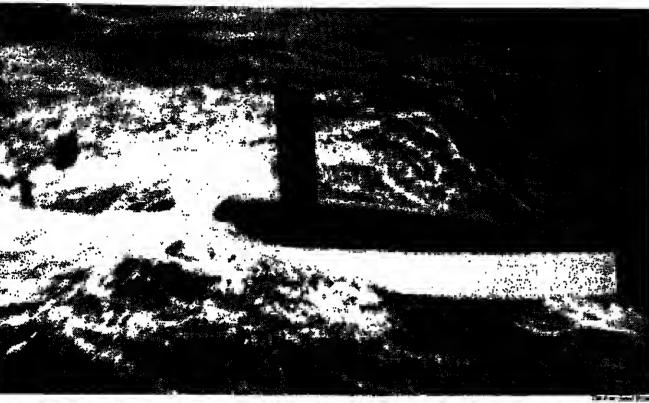
The Americans are concerned about a recent ankle injury to A.J. Kitt, who last season became their first male winner since Bill Johnson and the Mahre twins eight years ago. Kitt hasn't skied since early November, but predicted he would Dec. 5 in defense of his downhill title at Val d'Isère, France.

Led by Julie Parisien, the world's top-ranked skier in the slalom, the United States will send a deep women's team to Park City. Hilary Lindh won silver in the Olympic downhill, Diann Roffe was a silver medalist in the giant slalom at Albertville and Heidi Voelker appears ready to challenge Parisien in the slalom.

"It's as important as the world champion ships for us to start at home in front of friends and sponsors and family," said the U.S. wom-en's coach, Paul Major, noting that the season's first month will be spent in Utah, Colorado and really change the face of ski racing in the United States by skiing well and, to be honest, pay back some of the support we've received over the years."

Carole Merle of France won the most women's races last year, but she finished No. 2 to Kronberger, who became the second woman to win three straight overall championships. (Anne-Marie Moser-Proll of Austria won live in a row in the 1970s.) While Kronberger won in every event in 1991 — earning seven victories as well as the super-G and giant-slalom titles she defended her championship while winning just two races last year.

A possible rival to Kronberger's versatility is Sabine Ginther of Austria, provided she has recovered from the broken bone in her back sustained at the Olympics. She wore a brace for three months after surgery, but expressed surprise recently at being in "such good shape" on the eve of the season. She finished second overall to Kronberger in 1991.



The damaged hull of Mike Plant's boat, Coyote; the British yachtsman Nigel Burgess, whose body was found off the coast of Spain.



British Sailor Dies In Solo Race, Hunt For Plant Is Ended

PARIS - The body of Nigel Burgess, a British yachtsman competing in the Vendée Globe Chalenge round-the-world solo race was found Thursday off the coast of northwestern Spain, a day after he sent out a distress signal, French rescue officials said.

The body was recovered off the coast of the Spanish province of Galicia by French navy divers, ac-cording to the Regional Search and Rescue Center at Etel in Britanny.

Burgess, 49, a resident of Mona-co, had activated a distress beacon early Wednesday evening, the officials said. He was an experienced sailor who had crossed the Atlantic three times.

Searchers were able to locate him cause of the radio beacon ating, they said. His sloop, the Nigel Burgess

Yachtbrokers, and his life boat were both found earlier Thursday in the Bay of Biscay by the two Spanish helicopters that were involved in the search with a French navy vessel, Monge

Six of the other 13 sailors who began the race Sunday were making their way back Thursday to the starting point at Les Sables d'Olonne, France, to repair damage caused by violent gales in the Bay of Biscay, according to the race organizer, Philippe Jeantot.

Competitors in the race are not allowed to stop or to receive ontside help, but may go back and restart the race.

Among those who have turned back are Jean-Luc van den Heede, Philippe Poupon and Yves Parlier, all of France.

In New York, the U.S. Coast Guard called off the search the extensive two-week search for Mike Plant, the U.S. sailor who disappeared while on route from New York to France, and said that he was presumed dead.

We search until there is no longer a reasonable possibility that someone is alive." Coast Guard Petty Officer David Silva said

The coast guard said it had end-French vessel examined the cap-sized hull of the racing yacht Coyote and found no sign of Plant. His life raft, which was partly inflated,

was attached to the cockpit. Coyote was discovered adrift by a passing tanker last Sunday in an area about 700 miles (1.00 kilometers) southwest of Ireland, Airplanes and ships from four nations were involved in a search that be-

When the drifting boat was first sighted, the Coast Guard reported that the \$,400-pound (3,810-kilo-gram) ballast bulb was missing from the boat's keel. The loss of the bulb, which keeps the boat upright, would have turned the hull over immediately, most likely with a massive jolt. It is possible that Plant could have been thrown from the boat or hit by gear as it crashed

on top of him.

Reports from the site Wednesday indicated that Coyote's mast showed a crack near the deck level. Plant had commissioned the \$650,000 Coyote for the Vendée Globe Challenge.

Dodge Morgan of Portland, Maine, who in 1986 became the first American to sail alone and non-stop around the world, was critical Wednesday of the Coyote project after he was told of the

result of the search. "Mike had a boat designed close to the edge, and built perhaps a little closer," said Morgan, alluding

to the integrity of the boat. "I don't think there is anybody to blame," said Morgan about Coy-ote's demise. "Mike knew what he was doing, and so did the people who worked with him. They wanted to win a race."

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(AP, Reuters, NYT)

Soccer Decries Racism in Italy, Germany

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Italian soccer authorities said Thursday they planned to tighten security and launch a publicity campaign to counter the increase in : racist abuse in their stadiums, while players and officials in the Bondesiga condemned the neo-Nazi vio-

"We must not hide when con- taking racist material into stadifronted by the tragedy of racism," the Italian federation's president, Antonio Matarrese, said in Rome after chairing a meeting of the soc-

bells," he added. tacks in recent months, which po-lice believe are predominantly the crs want to do something con-persons killed Monday. work of young skinheads, dubbed crete," Gullit said...

ber only around 1,000 nationwide. But their activities have spilled into the stadiums up and down the Kicker that the latest right-wing country with shaved-head youths violence in Germany, in which a giving Nazl salutes and chanting 51-year-old Turkish woman, her

Matarrese said security checks old daughter died Monday, "makes

ther and a Dutch mother, was condemn the violence. cer authorities.
"We have to sound the alarm ing last Sunday's Milanese derby

nich, the captain of the national team, told the sports magazine violence in Germany, in which a 14-year-old niece and her 10-year-

The Bavarian fourth-division Kingstonian's goalkeeper, Adri-club Tuerk Guecue has asked all an Blake, suffered a concussion Matthaus pointed out that he

was a foreigner for four years when he played for the Italian club Internazionale and said, "We should welcome foreigners in the same way we expect to be treated.
"I don't want to travel into for-

eign countries full of fear." • England's Football Associa-All 18 Bundesliga clubs will wear tee would meet Monday and decide jerseys with the slogan "peacefully whether to order a replay of the FA AC Milan's Dutch striker, Rund together in the last round before Cup match in which Peterborough Gullit, who has a Surinamese fa- the winter break on Dec. 12 to beat the non-league club Kingston-

and suggested that teams should the teams in its league to wear when he was hit in the head by a Italian officials have been alarmed by a growth in racist attacks in recent months, which poglass door and cut his hand,

United Obtains Cantona

SIDELINES

In Transfer With Leeds

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — French interna-tional striker Eric Cantona joined Manchester United on Thursday in a surprise transfer from British league champion Leeds. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Manchester United chief Alex Ferguson, who had failed to lure David Hirst from Sheffield Wednesday, might be available. I tried Leeds and was delighted when they agreed to release Cantona." said "we looked around at strikers we rated and who

Cantona started the season strongly at Leeds and became a crowd favorite for his goal-scoring skills. However, he gradually became ineffective and lost his spot among the starting 11.

Australia Golf: Surprise Star SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Peter Teravainen, an

American who lives in Singapore, shot 6-under-par 66 Thursday to upstage some of the biggest names in golf in the first round of the Australian Open.

Teravainen, 36, held a one-stroke lead over Lee Janzen of the United States and Australians Wayne

Grady, Wayne Riley and Peter McWhinney. American-based Australian Steve Elkington, Scot-tish star Colin Montgomerie and Australians Rob Farley and Jon Evans shot 69. From the U.S. tour,

Raymond Floyd carded 70 and Mark Calcavecchia 74. Craig Parry, seeking to win the Australian Masters, PGA and Open titles in one year, shot 72. Japan Golf: Lyle Shares Lead

KAIMONCHO, Japan (AP) — Scotland's Sandy Lyle and Japan's Yoshinori Miznmaki each shot 2-

under-par 70 Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Casio World Open. Lyle made a 100-foot (30-meter) eagle putt on No.

Mark Brooks led the 10 U.S. players in the field with Mark Calcavecchia, left, and Craig Parry played 74. Tom Lehman and Larry Nelson shot 75, John seek the golf ball in the Australian Open. Daly, David Peoples and Mike Reid each 76.

Gubicza Stays With Royals

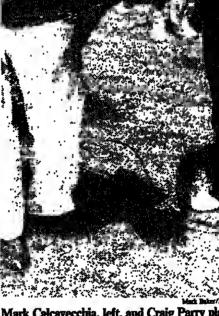
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KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Free-agent pitcher Mark Gubicza, who said he wants to finish his major league career with the Kansas City Royals, insign league career with the Kansas City Royals, signed a one-year, \$1.25 million contract with the club.

Gubicza, who was 20-8 in 1988 with the Royals, went 7-6 with a 3.72 earned-run average last season guaranteed at least \$15 million for a second bout after he came back a rotator cuff injury in 1990. The New York Yankees said they had made and withdrawn multimillion-dollar offers to pitchers Doug Drabek, David Cone and Jose Guzman. "If we haven"t One team said in London. (Reuters)



signed anyone in three or four days, they can come back to us," said the general manager, Gene Michael.

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By Russell Baker NEW YORK — "Have a heart" is the command of the young moocher with his palm up on Eighth Avenue. What ever hardpened to "Grease my palm"? This palm is attached to a body so

young, athletic and full of sass that

its operator can't possibly be a beg-

gar, can he? Probably a college student working on his thesis. A field study, maybe, to find what percentage of theater-district strollers are so guilt-ridden that they will come across with baksheesh rather than admit to heartlessness.

Making a naive, out-of-towner, hick mistake, I look moocher in the eye. Encouraged, he repeats "Have a heart" several times, always cool, amused. He has considerable talent for making the world suffer for refusing to support him in style, Could someday find TV fame leading protest demonstrations.

"All right, man doesn't want to have a heart," he announces on finding palm ungreased. Temporarily enjoy sensation of heartlessness.
Feel a little like Clint Eastwood until the next cadger, an authentic

stewpot, shows his cap. Surrender a subway token. Clint Eastwood feeling subsides. Feel like Franklin Pangborn, a.k.a. Caspar Milquetoest; to wit, an easily bullied twit. Dinner in chic restaurant. Dislike chic restaurants. All those famous people going from table to ta-ble congratulating each other on being chic enough to be eating there. Chic restaurants always

make you feel you're the only per-son there you never heard of. (To filch a line from Dan Wakefield.) However! This particular chic restaurant on this singular night contains the only four people in all of show business I ever met, the five of us having once played supporting roles in a police lineup.

Soon we are all waving to each other. They are coming to my table. I am going to their tables. Since there is a preponderance of theater people involved, we embrace, we kiss, we weep. Other diners watch in awe while envy ruins their digestion of chic spaghetti. They are feeling like Bette Davis in "All About Eve." To wit, no longer on the front wave of celebrity.

I sense them asking each other, "Who is this mysterious celebrity?" Feel a little like Clint Eastwood

traveling incognito. Afterward decide to go home by bus instead of taxi. En route home feel like Jack

Drive from Holland Tunnel north to Murray Hill through chassis-shattering vistas of devastation. Constant games of "chicken" with cab drivers during fights to squeeze three lanes of Hudson Street traffic into one, with loser forced to choose between plunging into bottomicss excavations or crushing

death-defying bicyclists against double-parked cars. Question: New York, why do you like double-parking so much on streets so rained that no sane city would allow either driving or single-parking, much less death-de-fying cycling?

On arrival at Murray Hill the car is rattling breathing hard and seething with hatred of cab drivers and bicyclists. It feels dangerously like Clint Eastwood and must be garaged at rates approximating his

To the Westside Theatre to see Spic-O-Rama." A one-man comedy about life in a Latino family in New York. The kind of show which, if written by anybody not Latino, would get the Westside Theatre deplored, denounced and possibly burned down for display-ing the ultimate in political incorrectness. To wit, perpetuation of ethnic stereotypes. П

John Leguizamo, the playwright, is Latino himself, fortunately, so not only does the theater not get burned down, but the audience is also freed to laugh enthusiastically. Since it does so even when punch lines to the jokes are in Spanish, it's clear the audience includes many Latinos who approve of what we are seeing.

This comforting evidence that it's O.K. for everybody else to laugh too, which we do enthusiastically. Also nervously of course. Now that the idea of America as melting pot is replaced by the reality of America as an uneasy federa-tion of hostile tribal cultures, nervously is the only safe way to laugh across tribal borders.

As I laugh wholeheartedly but nervously I feel a little like Desi Arnaz, then remember I can't rumba and all the way home on the bus I feel hopelessly Anglo.

New York Times Service

Robben Ford and His Blues Line: SH-BAM!

By Mike Zwerin nal Berald Tribune

DARIS - Two multinational record companies dropped Robben Ford under more or less identical conditions. They signed him, recorded him, forgot about supporting and promoting him, and then said he doesn't sell. In the meantime he was touring with George Harrison, Joni Mitchell, David Sanborn and Miles Davis. While considerably more than surviv-

ing he wasn't doing the thing he does naturally the first time he picks up his gnitar in the morning. What comes out?
The blues. Simple. Not too much to ask
for. Yet he knew that most people who do that never get signed by record companies. If they're lucky, they tour small clubs for months on end year after year and that's the end of it.

Lo and behold, Ford now has the best of both worlds, playing first-class venues around the world with his bines trio and recording his natural music for Chick Corea's new label Stretch Records. A selfnamed album by Robben Ford & The Bine Line — with old friends Roscoe Beck, electric bass, and Tom Brechtlein on drums - has just been released. This power trio instrumentation is fraught with pe-jorative heavy metal implications, and in this case maybe worse - a white blues

Ford defines their music more basically: "We are musicians. We love music." Critics tend to discount the statement, "We're in it for the music." Every musician says that. All too often, music is more means - money, fame, sex - than end. So when the members of The Blue Line said it to me one recent afternoon on a European promo tour, they were dismissable words. Pd heard them before.

I began to question my cynicism watching Brechtlein - who has played for extended periods with Corea, Wayne Shorter and Joe Farrell - lean out of his chair with convincing passion and say. This band is about getting back to going out there and barning. Where we're coming from is people like Herbie Hancock, Ron Carter and Tony Williams — come out of the gate smoking. Total involvement. There's not enough of that any more. It's like, 'Come on, man, more me. Say some-thing. SH-BAM!'

Roscoe Beck picked up the thread seamlessly: "It's just about the music for us. If we make a little money and become more famous, it will make home life more comfortable. That's great. But it's basically a musical journey we're taking together."

I have found that manipulative aggressivity sometimes sbocks interviewees out



getting back to going out there and burning," says Brechtlein.

of their infuriatingly predictable "on the record" mode: "But why do you guys have a blues band?" I asked, with an edge. "The blues is basically only one 12-bar time, give or take a few chords. Wouldn't you like to play, say, 'Stardust' once in a

Beck pulled me up: "Your question is kind of like, Why do you guys have a marriage?" He had a point.

Ford langhed: "You didn't do the dishes yesterday, Roscoe."

"Twe produced and played with Leonard Cohen," Beck continued, "He says that basically everybody has only one song, that they write it over and over with

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extensions and in inversions - but just about the same."

On the defensive, sounding stuck in the past, I cited Cole Porter and George Gershwin and even The Beatles as having more than one song.

"We don't have one song either." Brechtlein said. "Maybe it looks like that on paper, but when you combine and change elements and make it new each night and you're totally involved with it, it's much more than that. It's true that the blues is something you play when all else fails, it gets over. But you have to figure out how to make it fresh each time." "I'm glad you're under the impression we're a blues band," Robben Ford contin-

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Live music had not been so much fun in months. The afternoon discussion had been useless and revealing at the same time. You can say a lot more about music playing than talking about it.

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ned: "That's our ground, much more than jazz. But, if anything, I view this band as being in the tradition of the way Miles

Davis's groups developed. He played very

traditional music for a very long time. This

is a creative process. We are not going to

stay in the same place. There's a lot of

variety here. We're influenced by anything

we hear. We want to translate those influ-

Time to change the tack, I asked Ford about playing with Davis. "Miles was looking for a guitar player

and his producer knew me from the days

when I was with Jimmy Witherspoon and a band called the Yellowjackets. So Miles

called me, I picked up the phone and

"[Hoarse rasp]. What are you doing?"
"Nothing."
"You want to play with me?"

"So I flew to Washington D.C. two weeks later, having learned what I could

via tape and some unclear arrangements

they sent me, 25 tunes, not one rehearsal. Never met anybody with the band, never met Miles. I was completely terrified. The first song was rocking and very fast, and it

was like being on the wing of a jet. After my first solo, I sheepishly looked up at him, and he goes, 'Damn!' He dug it. He was always really nice to me. He'd be nasty

to other people and mee to me. He wasn't

a racist. He was just . . . well, cool."
What about a white band playing the

"My own experience," Ford said, "is

that there is less bigotry from blacks to-wards white than vice versa. In other

words, as far as black musicians are con-

whereas white guys will be saying They can't play because they're not black' to other white guys. Wend."

That evening Robben Ford & The Bine Line played a showcase for the press and record company people in La Villa, a swell little jazz club in Saint-Germain-des-Prés.

They came out of the gate smoking -

obviously in it for the music. They stretch the blues into many songs. A one-man percussion section featuring fast footwork,

Brechtlein made rock time as supple as can

be. Beck provided a firm, elaborate, un-predictable foundation playing chords and walking at the same time on his six-

string bass. Ford has presence and sings convincingly without resorting to show biz

glitz. His guitar playing makes you want to

ences into different colors."

couldn't believe it:

"Well YEAH!"

PEOPLE

China's Cui Jian Join The 'Sue'em' Crowd

The "sue 'em" era has reached China's entertainment industry, still learning the ropes. Cui Jian, the Chinese king of rock 'n' roll, is one of the first Chinese stars to use new copyright laws against musical pirates, and his targets are two stateowned companies. He is swing them for libel and illegal pirating of his work. Cui accuses the author and publishers of "Cui Jian — A Cry from Nothing to My Name" of character defamation and has demanded \$65,000 for financial and "spiritual damages," the Beijing Youth Daily reported. The book said Cur's music is sexually charged and sends andiences wild • П

British clowns hurling custard pies, ticking policemen and waving placards picketed London's Heathrow airport to protest at the arrival of a tiny American clown, Danise (Baby D) Payne, who they say has stolen their act at Gerry Cottle's oppual Christmas circus show. But Payne, who says she is only one of three black American female clowns, does not think she is taking anyone's job away. "I hope to be funny and make people laugh — that is all I'm here for." Cottle stood his ground: "If British clowns were funny I would book them. They aren't, so I won't."

It's Thanksgiving, so Tom and Roseanne Arnold donated \$100,000 to establish a foundation to help as they say they are. "The basis" of Thanksgiving is giving thanks. We are thankful for being survivors who have the ability to help others," they said in a statement.

Dennel Washington, who plays Malcolm X in the film, says fascination with the black activist should be more than a fashion statement. In the year before the Spike Lee film was released, clothing emblazoned with the letter "X" has proliferated. "It saddens use to think about how many 'X' hats are out there, and nothing between the ears," he said. But awareness is a begin

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of eleven when (still in Berlin) I had

to decide whether to go on heiling

Hitler in my public school or to get

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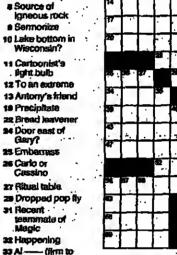
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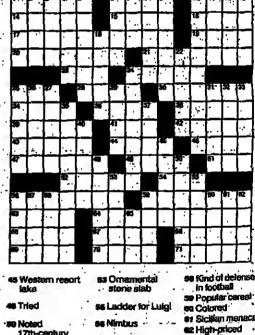
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STELLA:

One Woman's True Tale of Evil, Betrayal, and Survival in Hitler's Germany By Peter Wyden. 387 pages. \$23.

Simon & Schuster. Reviewed by Diane Cole

S OME acts of evil are so chilling they defy explanation. Howev-er much psychological insight or historical research is brought to bear on the Holocaust, the individual treacheries, betrayals, and collaborations perpetrated by otherwise ordinary citizens in Nazioccupied Europe who turned on their Jewish neighbors remain, at

bottom, appalling enigmas. Yet even against this background, the journalist Peter Wyden

recounts one of the more mystifyingly grotesque tales of that era. It is the story of Stella Goldschlag, a beautiful, seemingly charming, and altogether assimilated Jewish woman who was briefly a high-school classmate of the author in late 1930s Berlin at one of the few remaining schools for Jewish

Their paths quickly diverged. Alarmed by Hitler's increasingly menacing racial laws, Wyden and his family engineered their escape to the United States in 1937. But Stella's family was neither as futurelooking or as fortunate. By the time they began their desperate efforts to emigrate, they had become trapped. Only upon his return to Germany

as an American soldier in 1945 did Wyden learn of the Goldschlag fam-ily's fate. Stella's parents had per-ished in the death camps, but Stella

herself had survived by becoming a Gestapo collaborator. She was notorious for having been one of the Nazis' most cumning "catchers" of hidden, underground Jews.

Sexy, alluring, and utterly "ary-an" in looks, she was known as "the blond Lorelei." Until 1943, it seems, Stella had managed to avoid being rounded up or arrested, having become what was euphemistically called a "U-boat," an underground Jew forced to steer. undetected, from one hiding place to the next, often several times on any given day. But, once caught, she quickly changed loyalties, sys-tematically using her own knowl-edge of "U-boat" haunts to trap countless numbers of acquaintances and friends.

Thus, between 1943 and 1945, the final years of Hitler's war against the Jews, Stella personally

and, by eyewitness accounts, often zealously, denounced and helped round up several bundred of Berlin's last remaining Jews, sending them to almost certain death.

After the war Stella was tried and convicted in three separate trials and served 10 years in prison. But when Wyden interviewed Stel-- who, a recluse, still lives in Germany — she painted herself as a victim and denied having collabo-

the other, a sense of confusion and crimes against her own people. The sbame. "I felt dirtied by her works," he writes. "To have shared the same classroom with Stalls. the same classroom with Stella was suddenly embarrassing, like having once had a cheery dinner with a

Diane Cole is the author, most apist." recently, of "After Great Pain: A
He also confesses to his own New Life Emerges," wrote this for guilt as a survivor: "I was never The Washington Post.

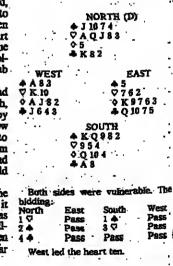
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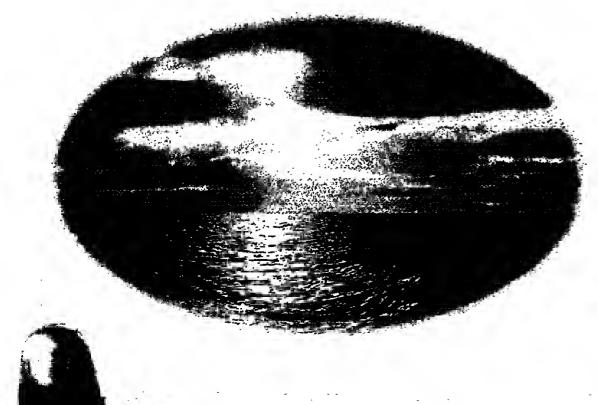
O N the diagramed deal, played many years ago, North-South bid to a normal four spades, and were apparently headed for an overtrick. But Giorgio Belladonna, a star of Italy's famed Blue Team of yesteryear, made a brilliant decision. He placed the heart ten on the table, convinced that the heart ace was on his left and that the lead would be no harm. This threw South off the normal track, and be put up the ace fearing that a finesse would allow a ruff.

Belladonna was now feeling a warm glow of pride. He could see a road of four tricks if East held the diamond king, which would be the entry to supply a heart ruff. When a trump was led to the queen, be held up his ace for one round and won the next trump lead. He wanted to

and hoped for a high diamond to indicate the king. If he had taken the first spade, cashed the heart king and led a low diamond, he could have wound up looking foolish: East might have held the club ace but not the diamond king. Unfortunately the opening lead had fooled East, as well as South, and he ruined the defense by throwing a "worthless" heart. Now there was no way for the defense to score a ruff. Belladonna's team gained one imp, because his lead saved an overnick, when it could have gained 13.

What Belladonna said in the postmortem is not on record, but it bidding: north is unlikely that his behavior was angelic. His partner, who is wellknown in another field, has been





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